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(54) **Latent mercaptans as multi-functional additives for halogen-containing polymer compositions**

(57) Halogen-containing polymer compositions comprising a latent mercaptan-containing heat stabilizer composition are substantially free from the offensive odor typically associated with mercaptans are protected during processing by the degradation products of the latent (i.e., blocked) mercaptan which include a free mercaptan. Other products of the degradation are believed to include carbocations of the blocking moiety which are stabilized by a molecular structure in which the electron deficiency is shared by several groups. The latent mercaptan may be the sole heat stabilizer additive but the

free mercaptan released during processing may also synergize the activity of metal-based heat stabilizers such as metal salts and organometallic stabilizers such as organotin carboxylates and mercaptides in the polymer composition. The latent mercaptans also serve as intermediates in the preparation of anti-oxidants, anti-microbial agents, photostabilizers, and primary heat stabilizers. Highly effective heat stabilizers are prepared by the condensation of formaldehyde and a *para*-phenol and further condensation of the crude product with a mercapto-containing compound.

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Description**FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

5 This invention relates to stabilizer compositions comprising degradation products of a blocked mercaptan present during processing of the composition at an elevated temperature, said products including a free mercaptan. This invention also relates to polymer compositions containing a polymer normally susceptible to heat-induced deterioration and the degradation products of a blocked mercaptan present during processing of the composition at an elevated temperature, said products including a free mercaptan. It also relates to such polymer compositions further containing
 10 a metallic-based heat stabilizer. This invention also relates to articles of manufacture, e.g. pipe, film, and window profile, made from stabilized polymer compositions containing a polymer normally susceptible to heat-induced deterioration, the degradation products of blocked mercaptan present during processing of the composition at an elevated temperature, said products including a free mercaptan, and a metallic-based heat stabilizer. Another aspect of this invention is the development of a novel reaction scheme which, although crude, affords latent mercaptans which need no purification to be highly active PVC heat stabilizers at low use levels.

15 This invention also relates to latent mercaptans which are substantially free of the offensive odor typical of mercaptans and which may be used as anti-oxidants, odorants, anti-microbial agents, and photostabilizers; and as intermediates for the preparation of primary heat stabilizers.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

20 It is well known that the physical properties of various organic polymers deteriorate and color changes take place during processing of the polymer and during exposure of formed polymer products to certain environments. The prime examples of polymers which are susceptible to degradation during processing are the halogen-containing polymers
 25 such as the vinyl and vinylidene polymers in which the halogen is attached directly to carbon atoms. Poly (vinyl chloride) or PVC, copolymers of vinyl chloride and vinyl acetate, and poly (vinylidene chloride), the principal resin in self-clinging transparent food wraps, are the most familiar polymers which require stabilization for their survival during fabrication into pipes, window casings, siding, bottles, and packaging film, etc. When such polymers are processed at elevated temperatures, undesirable color changes often occur within the first 5 to 10 minutes as well as during later stages of
 30 the processing. Haziness, which sometimes accompanies the color changes, is particularly undesirable where clear products are needed. The addition of heat stabilizers to such polymers has been absolutely essential to the widespread utility of the polymers. From a great deal of work in the development of more and more effective heat stabilizers there has emerged two principal classes: organotin compounds and mixed metal combinations. Organotin-based heat stabilizers are the most efficient and widely used PVC stabilizers. Synergistic combinations of alkyltin mercaptides and
 35 free mercaptans are particularly efficient heat stabilizers for PVC during extrusion. They have not been entirely satisfactory, however, because of several failings on the part of the mercaptan synergist. Many mercaptans give off an offensive odor even at room temperature and the odor grows worse at PVC processing temperatures. The oxidative stability of the mercaptans is very often very poor. Oxidation of the free mercaptans diminishes the synergism. Thus, a combination having an enhanced synergism would be welcomed by the PVC industry. Also, because of the end-use
 40 of articles made from some polymers, many polymeric compositions require the presence of both biocides and heat stabilizers but the use of the organotin mercaptide/mercaptan combination in such a composition is often frustrated by the tendency of the free mercaptan to deactivate a biocide such as the much used OBPA (10, 10'-oxybisphenoxarsine). Better heat stabilizer compositions are still needed.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

45 It is an object of this invention, therefore, to provide a heat stabilizer composition having the synergy of a mercaptan plus improved oxidative stability.

50 It is another object of this invention to provide a latent mercaptan-containing heat stabilizer composition which is substantially free from the offensive odor typically associated with mercaptans.

It is a related object of this invention to provide a latent mercaptan-containing heat stabilizer composition which has a decidedly pleasant odor.

It is a further object of this invention to provide an improved polymeric composition containing a biocide and a latent mercaptan-containing heat stabilizer.

55 It is a related object of this invention to provide a polymeric composition containing a heat stabilizer combination having the synergy of a mercaptan plus improved oxidative stability.

It is still another object of this invention to provide latent mercaptans as intermediates for the preparation of anti-oxidants, anti-microbial agents, photostabilizers, and primary heat stabilizers.

These and other objects of the invention which will become apparent from the following description are achieved by incorporating into a polymeric composition a blocked mercaptan which degrades during processing of the composition at an elevated temperature to liberate a free mercaptan. The latent mercaptan may act as the sole heat stabilizer but the free mercaptan may also synergize the activity of other heat stabilizers in the composition. Other products of the degradation of the blocked mercaptan are believed to include carbocations of the blocking moiety which are stabilized by a molecular structure in which the electron deficiency is shared by several groups. Resonance stabilization and neighboring group stabilization are two of the possible mechanisms by which the carbocations may be stabilized. The carbocations act as intermediates in the formation of stable compounds early in the hot processing of halogen-containing polymers. Although such mechanisms and the resultant carbocations are believed to be an impetus for the liberation of the active free mercaptan, this invention is in no way limited by the foregoing attempt to explain the working of the invention. Those skilled in the art will see the resonance stabilization and neighboring group stabilization that are possible in the following structures of the blocked mercaptan; other mechanisms may be at work in other blocked mercaptans represented by these structures that also liberate an active free mercaptan upon thermal and/or chemical degradation during processing of polymeric compositions containing such blocked mercaptans.

The stabilizer compositions of the present invention comprise a metal-based stabilizer and such a latent mercaptan or mixture of latent mercaptans.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

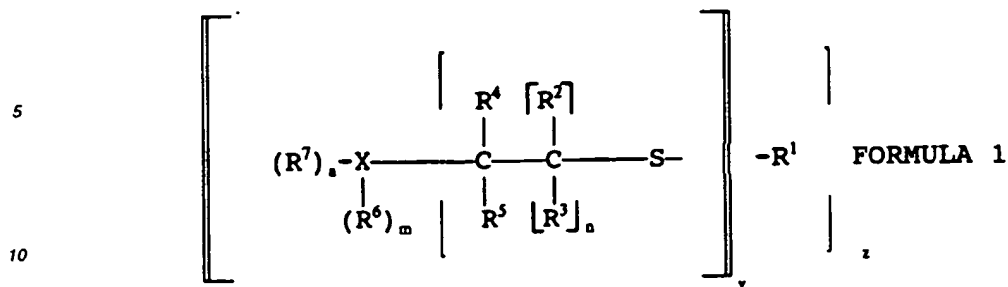
As used herein the terms alkyl, alkylenyl, ethylenyl, etc. represent monovalent and divalent, respectively, straight or branched chain hydrocarbon radicals containing, for example, 1 to 20 carbon atoms. The term aryl refers to monovalent C_6 - C_{10} aromatic rings such as benzene and naphthalene. The term alkenyl refers to monovalent straight or branched chain C_2 to C_{20} hydrocarbon radicals containing at least one double bond. The term aralkyl represents a monovalent C_1 to C_{20} hydrocarbon radical having attached thereto an aryl radical. The term alkaryl refers to monovalent aryl radicals having attached thereto at least one C_1 - C_{20} alkyl group. The term cycloalkyl represents monovalent C_3 - C_8 saturated cycloaliphatic radicals, and the term cycloalkenyl represents C_5 - C_8 cycloaliphatic radicals containing at least one double bond.

The polymeric compositions of this invention contain polymers normally susceptible to heat-induced deterioration through autoxidation such as the above-noted halogen-containing polymers. The stabilizer compositions of this invention are particularly suited to impart stabilization against the deteriorative effects of heat and ultra-violet light on halogen-containing organic polymers which is superior to that imparted by stabilizer compositions previously known in the art.

The term halogen-containing organic polymers as used herein refers to halogen-containing vinyl and vinylidene polymers or resins in which the halogen is attached directly to the carbon atoms. Preferably, the polymer is a vinyl halide polymer, more particularly a vinyl chloride polymer. Usually, the vinyl chloride polymer is made from monomers consisting of vinyl chloride alone or a mixture of monomers comprising, preferably, at least about 70% by weight based on the total monomer weight of vinyl chloride.

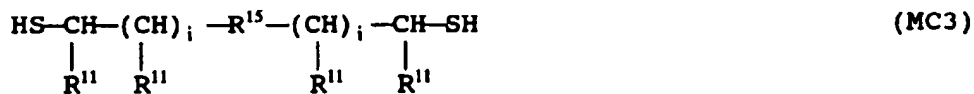
The halogen-containing polymers which can be stabilized according to this invention include chlorinated polyethylene having 14 to 75%, e.g. 27%, chlorine by weight, chlorinated natural and synthetic rubber, rubber hydrochloride, chlorinated polystyrene, chlorinated polyvinyl chloride, polyvinyl bromide, polyvinyl fluoride, copolymers of vinyl chloride with 1 to 90%, preferably 1 to 30%, of a copolymerizable ethylenically unsaturated material such as, for example, vinyl acetate, vinyl butyrate, vinyl benzoate, vinylidene chloride, diethyl fumarate, diethyl maleate, other alkyl fumarates and maleates, vinyl propionate, methyl acrylate, 2-ethylhexyl acrylate, butyl acrylate and other alkyl acrylates, methyl methacrylate, ethyl methacrylate, butyl methacrylate and other alkyl methacrylates, methyl alpha-chloroacrylate, styrene, trichloroethylene, vinyl ethers such as vinyl ethyl ether, vinyl chloroethyl ether and vinyl phenyl ether, vinyl ketones such as vinyl methyl ketone and vinyl phenyl ketone, 1-fluoro-2-chloroethylene, acrylonitrile, chloroacrylonitrile, allylidene diacetate and chloroallylidene diacetate. Typical copolymers include vinyl chloride-vinyl acetate (96:4 sold commercially as VYNW), vinyl chloride-vinyl acetate (87:13), vinyl chloride-vinyl acetate-maleic anhydride ((86:13:1), vinyl chloride-vinylidene chloride (95:5); vinyl chloride-diethyl fumarate (95:5), and vinyl chloride 2-ethylhexyl acrylate (80:20). In addition to the stabilizer compositions of this invention, there can also be incorporated into the halogen-containing organic polymer conventional additives such as plasticizers, pigments, fillers, dyes, ultraviolet light absorbing agents, densifying agents, biocides and the like.

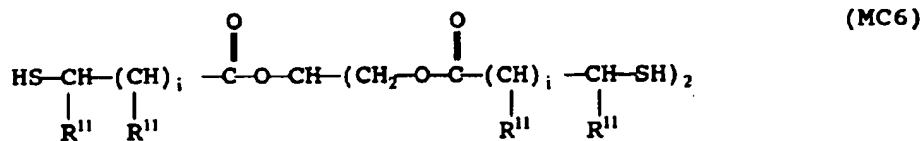
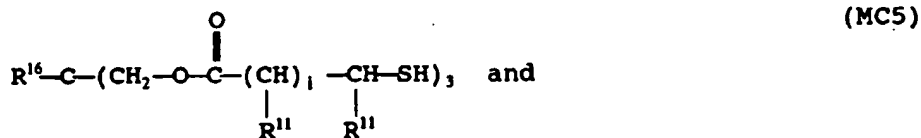
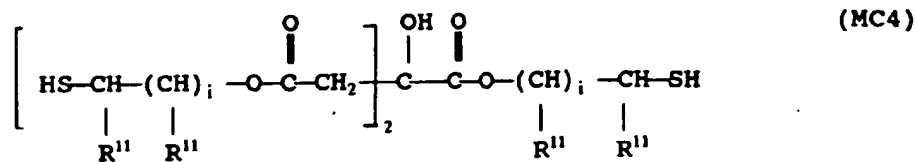
FORMULA 1 is representative of the blocked mercaptans that are suitable for the purposes of this invention:



wherein a is 0 or 1, m and n are 0 or 1; y = 1 to 4, when y = 1, z is 1 to 4 when y is more than 1 z is 1; R¹ is an alkyl, alkylenyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylenyl, cycloalkoxyl, aryl, alkaryl, aralkyl, aralkylenyl, hydroxyalkyl, mercaptoalkyl, mercaptoalkylenyl, mercaptoalkoxycarbonylalkylenyl, hydroxyaryl, mercaptoaryl, carboxyalkyl, carboxyaryl, or acyl group having from 1 to 22 carbon atoms; R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, and R⁷ are independently hydrogen, a hydroxyl, mercapto, alkyl, alkylenyl, aryl, haloaryl, alkaryl, aralkyl, hydroxyalkyl, mercaptoalkyl, hydroxyaryl, alkoxyhydroxyaryl, or mercaptoaryl group having from 1 to 22 carbon atoms; X is aryl, haloaryl, alkaryl, alkoxyaryl, arylcycloalkyl, or a heteroatom, with the proviso that when a is 1 and m is 1, R⁶ and R⁷ may form a heterocyclic moiety in conjunction with X as a nitrogen atom, and when a = 1 and m = 0, one of R¹, R³, and R⁵ may join with R⁷ and X as to form a heterocyclic moiety with X as a heteroatom selected from the group consisting of oxygen, and sulfur.

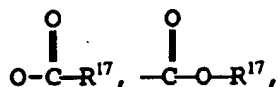
The mercaptan-containing organic compounds which may be converted into latent mercaptans for the purposes of this invention are well-known compounds and include alkyl mercaptans, mercapto esters, mercapto alcohols, and mercapto acids. See, for example, U.S. Pat. Nos. 3,503,924 and 3,507,827. Alkyl mercaptans having from 1 to about 200 carbon atoms and from 1 to 4 mercapto groups are suitable. Mercaptan-containing organic compounds which include R¹ have structures illustrated by the following formulas:





wherein

30 R^{10} and R^{19} are the same or different and are

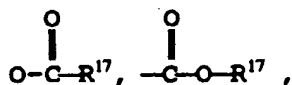


-OH, -SH, aryl, C_1 to C_{18} alkyl, or -H;

R^{11} is -H, aryl, or C_1 to C_{18} alkyl;

40 R^{12} is cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl or phenyl;

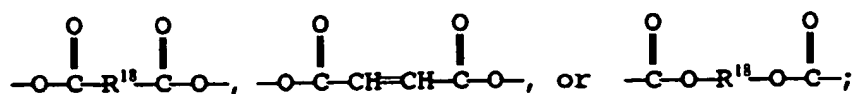
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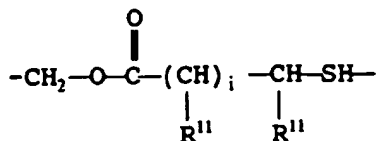
50 -SH, aryl, C_1 to C_{18} alkyl, -OH or -H with the proviso that in formula (MC2) when R^{12} is phenyl, R^{13} is -OH and $i=0$, then the -SH groups are on non-adjacent carbon atoms;

R^{14} is -H or a divalent group which may contain halogen, hydroxy, mercapto or alkyl substituents and which when R^{12} is phenyl combines with the phenyl to form a naphthalene ring;

R^{15} is

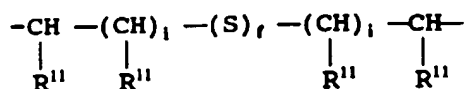


R¹⁶ is -CH₃, -CH₂CH₃, or



R¹⁷ is -H, or alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylenyl;

R¹⁸ is arylene, C₁ to C₈ alkylene,



or -(CH₂-CH₂-O)_b-CH₂-CH₂- wherein b is an integer from 1 to 6;

i=0 or an integer from 1 to 6 inclusive;

j=0, 1, 2 or 3; and

f=1 or 2.

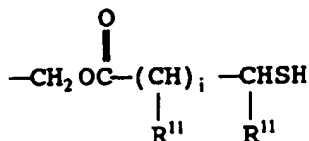
Mercaptan-containing organic compounds preferred as intermediates in the preparation of the latent mercaptans of this invention are those compounds according to formula (MC1) where R¹¹ is -H, R¹⁹ is -H, R¹⁰ is OH or



and i=1; those compounds according to formula (MC2) where R¹² is phenyl, R¹¹ is -H, R¹³ is -H, R¹⁴ is -H, i=1, and j=1; those compounds according to formula (MC3) where R¹¹ is -H, R¹⁵ is



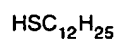
and i=1; those compounds according to formula (MC4) where R¹¹ is -H and i=1; those compounds according to formula (MC5) where R¹⁶ is -C₂H₅ or



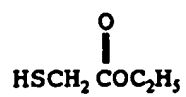
R¹¹ is -H and i=1; and those compounds according to formula (MC6) where R¹¹ is -H and i=1.

Examples of the mercaptan-containing organic compounds described by formula (MC1) include, but are not limited

to, the following compounds:



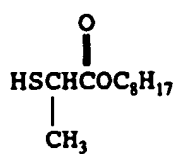
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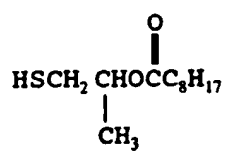


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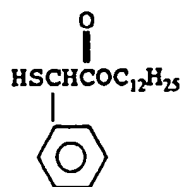
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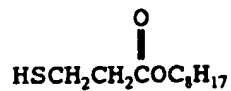


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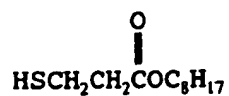
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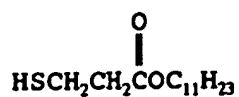
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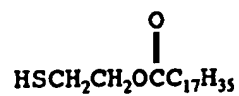
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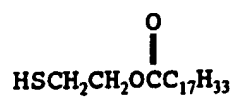
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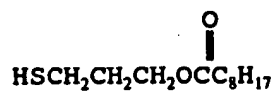
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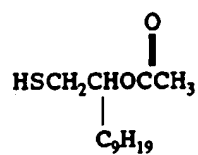


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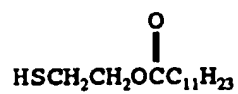


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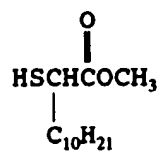


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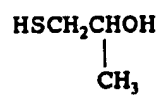
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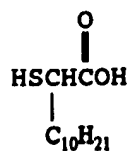
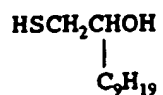


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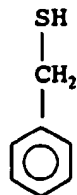
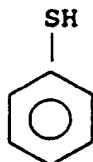


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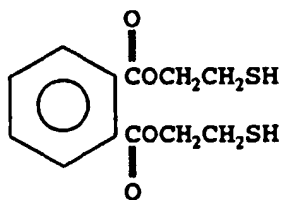
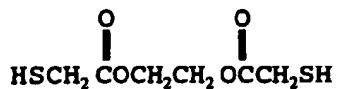


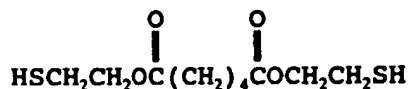


Examples of the mercaptan-containing organic compounds described by formula (MC2) include, but are not limited to, the following compounds:

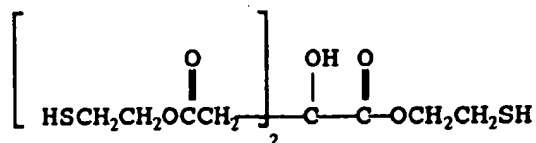


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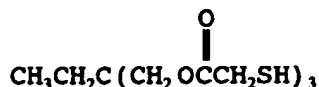




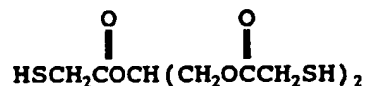
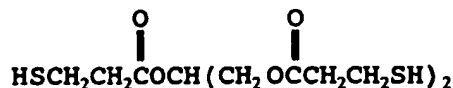
The mercaptan-containing organic compounds described by formula (MC4) are exemplified by, but are not limited to, the following:



The mercaptan-containing organic compounds represented by formula (MC5) are exemplified by, but are not limited to, the following:



The mercaptan-containing organic compounds represented by formula (MC6) are exemplified by, but are not limited to, the following:



One of the advantages of this invention is that the offensive odor of the mercaptans is masked by the blocking group so that the latent mercaptan thus created may be put into a PVC composition or the like with little or no offense to the operator with the knowledge that the free mercaptan will be released as a degradation product when the treated composition is heated during the usual processing, e.g. extrusion. This advantage is also useful for the liquid polysulfides having a molecular weight of from about 1000 to about 8000 sold under the LP trademark by Morton

International, Inc.

The blocking compounds are preferably those which are capable of furnishing a stabilized carbocation having a molecular structure in which the electron deficiency is shared by several groups. Resonance stabilization and neighboring group stabilization are two of the possible mechanisms by which the carbocations may be stabilized. Polarized, unsaturated compounds exemplified by 3,4-dihydropyran, 2-methoxy-3,4-dihydropyran, styrene, α -methylstyrene, vinyl benzyl chloride, indene, 2-vinylpyridine, N-vinylpyrrolidone, vinyl acetate, octadecyl vinyl ether, cyclohexyl divinyl ether, ethyleneglycol monovinyl ether, allyl phenyl ether, trans-cinnamaldehyde, N-methyl-N-vinylacetamide, N-vinylcaprolactam, isoeugenol, and 2-propenylphenol are suitable. Compounds having labile halogen atoms which split off as hydrogen chloride in a condensation reaction with the mercaptan, as exemplified by triphenylmethyl chloride, benzyl chloride, and bis(chloromethyl)benzene, are also suitable. The mercaptan may also be blocked by condensation with an aldehyde such as butyraldehyde or with a benzyl alcohol such as benzene dimethanol. A preferred blocking agent is 2-hydroxybenzyl alcohol, a well known intermediate in the perfume, agricultural, and plastics industries.

In general, the procedure for adding the mercapto group of a free mercaptan across the double bonds of polarized, unsaturated compounds is:

To a stirred mixture of the mercaptan, acid catalyst, and optionally, a small percentage of antioxidant to inhibit radical reactions, under nitrogen atmosphere is added dropwise the polarized, unsaturated compound, either neat or in solution, while maintaining the temperature between 10°-70° C. The mixture or solution is then heated for between 1 to 6 hours at 35°-70° C and conversion to product is monitored by gas chromatography and iodine titration for SH. The acid catalyst is removed by an alkaline wash and the resulting product is dried with magnesium sulfate and filtered. The solvent, if required, is removed under reduced pressure at <50° C to yield the latent mercaptan. This generalized procedure is referred to hereinafter as Procedure A.

In accordance with Procedure A, for example, mercaptoethanol is added across the double bond of N-vinylcaprolactam to yield N-2-hydroxyethylthioethylcaprolactam. Mercaptoethylcaprate reacts with 3,4-dihydropyran in that procedure to give 2-(2-caproyloxyethyl)tetrahydropyran. Bis(hydroxyethylthioethyl) cyclohexyl ether is made from the mercaptoethanol and cyclohexyl di-vinyl ether. In like manner, the corresponding caprate, oleate, and tallate esters form the corresponding cyclohexyl ethers. Also, indene is converted by the addition of the mercaptoethanol to 2H-dihydroindenythio-ethanol.

A generalized procedure for the condensation of a free mercaptan with a labile halogen-containing compound is as follows:

To a stirred mixture of the mercaptan and halogen-containing compound under nitrogen atmosphere is added dropwise a solution of sodium methoxide in methanol while maintaining the temperature below 50° C. Optionally, the reaction is allowed to proceed without the addition of a base source and the liberated hydrogen chloride is removed by nitrogen gas sweep and neutralized with the use of an external acid scrubber. The mixture or solution is then heated for between 2 to 24 hours at 50°-70° C and conversion to product is monitored by gas chromatography and iodine titration for %SH. The product is then neutralized, washed with water, dried with magnesium sulfate, and filtered. The solvent, if required, is removed under reduced pressure at <50° C to yield the latent mercaptan. This generalized procedure is referred to hereinafter as Procedure B.

A generalized procedure for the condensation of a free mercaptan with a labile hydroxyl-containing compound is as follows: To a stirred solution of the mercaptan, acid catalyst, and solvent under nitrogen atmosphere is added the hydroxy-containing compound either neat or in solution while maintaining the temperature <45° C. The solution is then heated to 45°-75° C for between 1 to 10 hours and conversion to product is monitored by gas chromatography and iodine titration for %SH. Optionally, an azeotropic solvent is chosen for removal of reaction water by an appropriate means at reflux temperatures, typically 60°-120° C. Completion of reaction is achieved after the theory amount of water has been collected. The acid catalyst is removed by alkaline wash and the resulting solution is dried with magnesium sulfate and filtered. The solvent is removed under reduced pressure at <55° C to yield the latent mercaptan. This procedure is referred to hereinafter as Procedure C.

For example, 2-hydroxybenzyl alcohol condenses with mercaptoethanol in accordance with Procedure C to form 1-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-1-S-(2-hydroxyethanethio)methane.

A generalized procedure for the reaction of a free mercaptan with a glycidyl ether is as follows:

To a stirred mixture of the mercaptan and acid catalyst under nitrogen atmosphere is added the glycidyl ether, either neat or in solution, while maintaining the temperature between 25°-60° C. The mixture or solution is then heated to between 50°-75° C for a period of 1 to 6 hours and conversion to product is monitored by gas chromatography and iodine titration for %SH. The acid catalyst is removed by alkaline wash, the resulting product is dried with magnesium sulfate, and filtered. The solvent, if required, is removed under reduced pressure at <55° C to yield the latent mercaptan. This procedure is referred to hereinafter as Procedure D.

A generalized procedure for the condensation of a free mercaptan with an aldehyde is as follows:

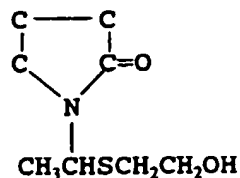
To a stirred solution of the mercaptan, acid catalyst, and azeotropic solvent under nitrogen atmosphere is added the aldehyde with heating to reflux, typically between 65°-120° C, for removal of reaction water. Completion of reaction

is achieved after the theory amount of water has been collected. Optionally, to a stirred solution of mercaptan, aldehyde, and ether is added BF_3 -etherate dropwise under reflux conditions. The solution is refluxed for between 1 to 6 hours and conversion to product is monitored by gas chromatography. The acid catalyst is removed by alkaline wash, the solution is dried with magnesium sulfate and filtered. The solvent is removed under reduced pressure at $<65^\circ \text{C}$ to yield the latent mercaptan. This generalized procedure is referred to hereinafter as Procedure E.

Examples of the blocked mercaptans of this invention include compounds having the following formulas, as each relates to FORMULA 1:

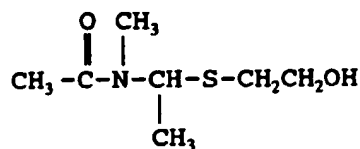
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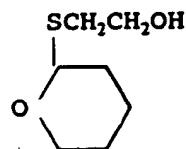
$a = 1$, $m = 1$, $n = 0$; $y = 1$, z is 1; X is nitrogen, R^6 and R^7 are joined to form $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}(=\text{O})-$; R^4 is hydrogen; R^5 is methyl; and R^1 is hydroxyethyl.

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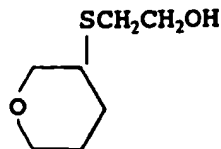
$a = 1$, $m = 1$, $n = 0$; $y = 1$, z is 1; X is nitrogen, R^6 is acetyl, R^7 is methyl, R^5 is methyl, R^4 is hydrogen, and R^1 is hydroxyethyl.

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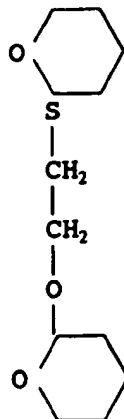
$a = 1$, $m = 0$, $n = 0$; $y = 1$, z is 1; X is oxygen, R^5 and R^7 are joined to form $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$; R^4 is hydrogen, and R^1 is hydroxyethyl.

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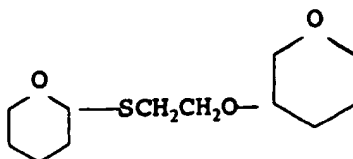
a = 1, m = 0, n = 1, y = 1, z = 1; X is oxygen, R³ and R⁷ join to form -CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-; R², R⁴ and R⁵ are hydrogen, and R¹ is hydroxyethyl.

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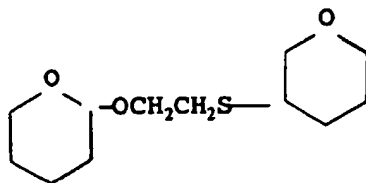
a = 1, m = 0, n = 0, y = 1, z = 1; X is oxygen, R⁵ and R⁷ join to form -CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-; R⁴ is hydrogen, and R¹ is 2-ethoxytetrahydropyranyl.

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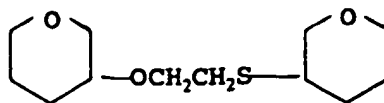
a = 1, m = 0, n = 0, y = 1, z = 1; X is oxygen, R⁵ and R⁷ join to form -CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-; R⁴ is hydrogen, and R¹ is 3-ethoxytetrahydropyranyl.

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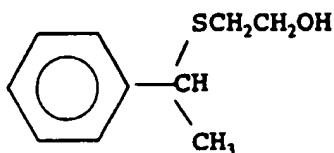
a = 1, m = 0, n = 1, y = 1, z = 1; X is oxygen, R³ and R⁷ join to form -CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-; R², R⁴ and R⁵ are hydrogen, and R¹ is 2-ethoxytetrahydropyranyl.

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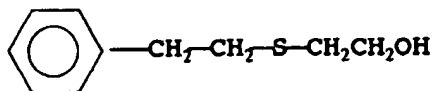
a = 1, m = 0, n = 1, y = 1, z = 1; X is oxygen, R³ and R⁷ join to form -CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-; R², R⁴ and R⁵ are hydrogen, and R¹ is 3-ethoxytetrahydropyranyl.

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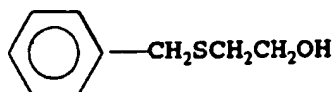
a = 0, m = 0, n = 0, y = 1, z = 1; X is phenyl, R⁴ is methyl, R⁵ is hydrogen, and R¹ is hydroxyethyl.

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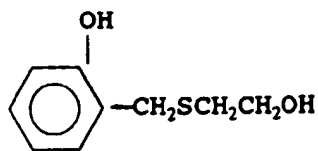
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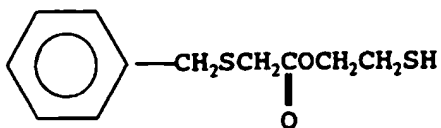
a = 0, m = 0, n = 0, z = 1; y = 1, X is phenyl, R⁴ and R⁵ are hydrogen, and R¹ is hydroxyethyl.

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a = 1, m = 0, n = 0, y = 1, z = 1; X is phenyl, R⁴ and R⁵ are hydrogen, R⁷ is o-hydroxy, and R¹ is hydroxyethyl.

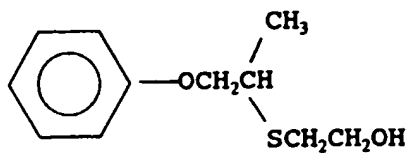
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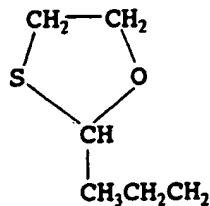


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$a = 1, m = 0, n = 1, y = 1, z = 1$; X is oxygen, R^2, R^4 and R^5 are hydrogen, R^3 is methyl, R^7 is phenyl, and R^1 is hydroxyethyl.

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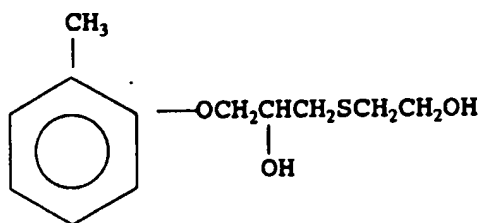
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$a = 1, m = 0, n = 0, y = 1, z = 1$; X is oxygen, R^7 and R^1 are joined to form an ethylenyl radical, R^4 is hydrogen, and R^5 is propyl.

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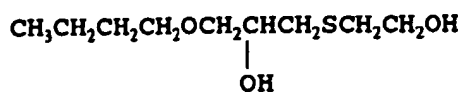
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$a = 0, m = 1, n = 1, y = 1, z = 1$; X is oxygen, R^2, R^3, R^6 and R^4 are hydrogen, R^5 is 2-methyleneoxytolyl.

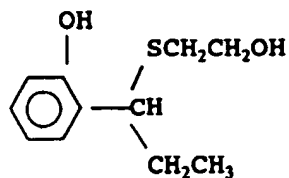
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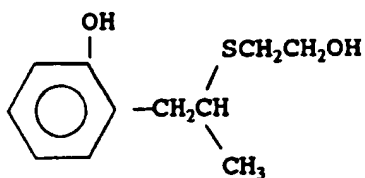
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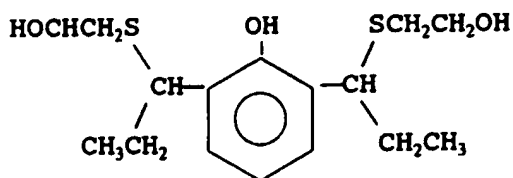
$a = 1, m = 0, n = 0, y = 1, z = 1$; X is phenyl, R^4 is hydrogen, R^5 is ethyl, R^7 is o-hydroxy, and R^1 is hydroxyethyl.

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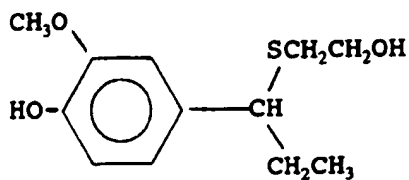
$a = 1, m = 0, n = 1, y = 1, z = 1$; X is phenyl, R^3, R^4 and R^5 are hydrogen, R^2 is methyl, R^7 is o-hydroxy, and R^1 is hydroxyethyl.

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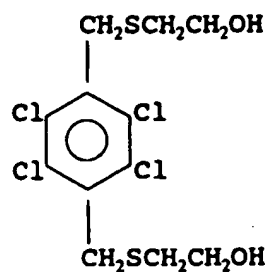
$a = 1, m = 0, n = 0, y = 1, z = 2$; X is phenyl, R^4 is hydrogen, R^5 is ethylenyl, R^7 is o-hydroxy, and R^1 is hydroxyethyl.

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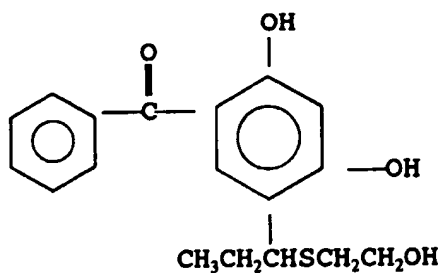
$a = 1, m = 0, n = 0, y = 1, z = 1$; X is m-methoxyphenyl, R^4 is hydrogen, R^5 is ethyl, R^7 is *p*-hydroxy, and R^1 is hydroxyethyl.

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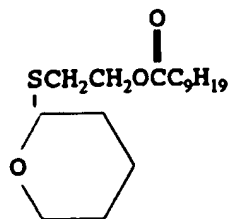
$a = 0$, $m = 0$, $n = 0$, $y = 1$, $z = 2$; X is tetrachlorophenyl, R^4 and R^5 are hydrogen, and R^1 is hydroxyethyl.

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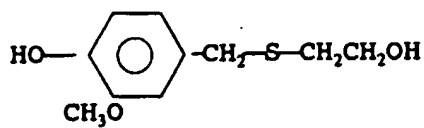
$a = 1$, $m = 0$, $n = 0$, $y = 1$, $z = 1$; X is o,p-dihydroxyphenyl, R^7 is m-phenylcarbonyl, R^4 is hydrogen, R^5 is $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$, and R^1 is hydroxyethyl.

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$a = 1$, $m = 0$, $n = 0$; $y = 1$, z is 1; X is oxygen, R^5 and R^7 are joined to form $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$; R^4 is hydrogen, and R^1 is caproyloxyethyl.

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a = 1, m = 0, n = 0; y = 1, z is 1; X is *p*-hydroxyphenyl, R⁴ and R⁵ are hydrogen, R⁷ is *m*-methoxy, and R¹ is hydroxyethyl.

As stated above, the stabilizer compositions of the present invention comprise a latent mercaptan as the sole heat stabilizer or in a system comprising a metal-based stabilizer, an organic-based stabilizer, or a hydrotalcite-based stabilizer in admixture with the latent mercaptan. Metal-based stabilizers are defined for the purposes of this invention as metal salt stabilizers and organometallic stabilizers. The metal salt stabilizers are exemplified by barium, strontium, calcium, cadmium, zinc, lead, tin, magnesium, cobalt, nickel, titanium, antimony, and aluminum salts of phenols, aromatic carboxylic acids, fatty acids, epoxidized fatty acids, oxalic acid, carbonic acid, sulfuric acid, and phosphoric acid. Calcium stearate, calcium 2-ethylhexeate, calcium octoate, calcium oleate, calcium ricinoleate, calcium myristate, calcium palmitate, calcium laurate, barium laurate, barium stearate, barium di(nonylphenolate), magnesium stearate, zinc stearate, cadmium laurate, cadmium octoate, cadmium stearate, sodium stearate and other Group I and II metal soaps are examples of suitable salts. Other metal salts such as lead stearate, hydrotalcite, aluminum stearate, etc. can be used. Metal salt stabilizers may constitute from about 0.1 to about 10%, preferably 0.1-5% by weight of the halogen containing resin.

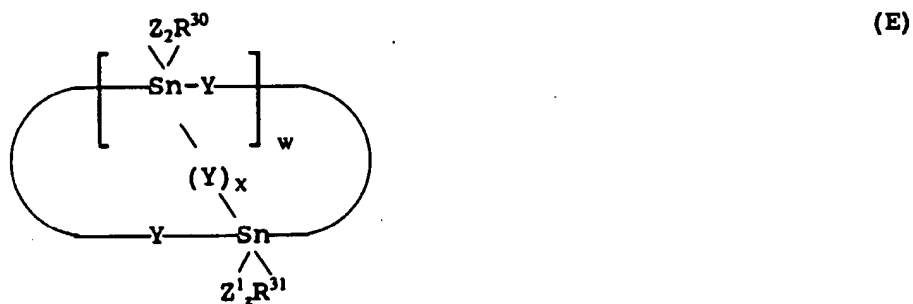
Conventional organometallic stabilizers include the organotin carboxylates and mercaptides. Such materials include butyltin tris dodecyl mercaptide, dibutyltin dilaurate, dibutyltin didodecyl mercaptide, dianhydride tris dibutylstannane diol, dihydrocarbontin salts of carboxy mercaptals such as those set forth in Hechenbleikner et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 3,078,290). There can be included any of the vinyl chloride resin stabilizers set forth in Salyer (U.S. Pat. No. 2,985,617).

As an example of a system involving an organic-based stabilizer, a combination of a latent mercaptan and an N-substituted maleimide has been found to be synergistic in the stabilization of a flexible PVC formulation.

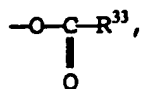
The stabilizer compositions of this invention comprise from about 10% to about 100%, preferably from about 35% to about 85%, by weight of one or more latent mercaptans, based on the total weight of the stabilizer composition, the balance comprising the metal-based, organic-based, or hydrotalcite-based stabilizer. Preferably, the stabilizer compositions of this invention comprise a mono-organotin compound or mixture of mono-organotin compounds, and, optionally, a diorganotin compound or mixture of diorganotin compounds or mixtures of mono-organotin and diorganotin compounds. Thus, when no diorganotin compound or mixture of diorganotin compounds is employed in the preferred stabilizer of this invention, the mono-organotin compounds will comprise from about 10% to about 90% by weight, preferably about 15% to about 65% by weight of the total weight of the stabilizer composition. When it is desirable to utilize a diorganotin compound or mixture of diorganotin compounds in the practice of this invention, said diorganotin compound or mixture of diorganotin compounds may comprise from about 0.05% to about 75%, by weight, preferably from about 0.05% to about 35% by weight of the total weight of the stabilizer composition.

The mono-organotin compounds useful in the compositions of this invention contain one or more tetravalent tin atoms each of which have one direct tin to carbon bond and have structures selected from the following formulas:



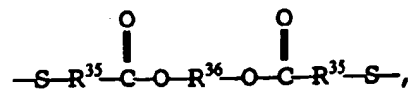
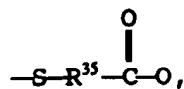


wherein Z and Z' are the same or different and are selected from -SR³², O-R³³, and

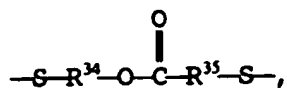


with the proviso that in formula (E) when z = 1 and in formulas (C) and (D) at least one Z or Z' is -SR³²,

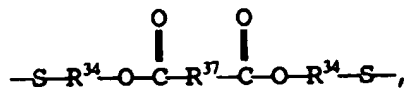
Y is -(S)_y-, -W-R³⁴-W¹-,



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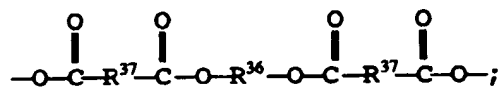
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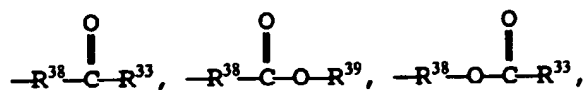
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W and W¹ are the same or different and are oxygen or sulfur; R³⁰ and R³¹ are the same or different and are selected from alkyl, aryl, alkenyl, aralkyl, alkaryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl,

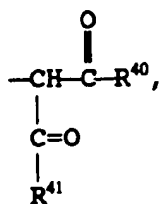
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-R³⁸-O-R³⁹,

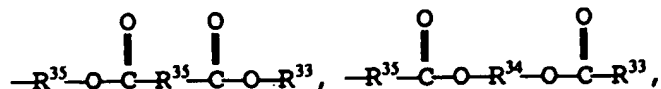
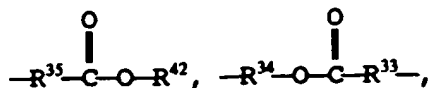
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and, -R³⁸-CN;

R³² is alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, aralkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl,



---R³⁴---S---R⁴², or ---R³⁴---O---R³³;

R³³ is alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkaryl, cycloalkyl, or cycloalkenyl;

R³⁴ is alkylene of at least 2 carbon atoms, arylene, alkenylene of at least 2 carbon atoms, cycloalkylene, or cycloalkenylene; R³⁵ is alkylene, arylene, alkenylene of at least 2 carbon atoms, cycloalkylene, or cycloalkenylene;

R³⁶ is R³⁴;

R³⁷ is nothing or R³⁵;

R³⁸ is C₁ to C₄ alkylene;

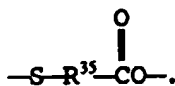
R³⁹ is -H or a monovalent C₁ to C₂₀ hydrocarbon radical; R⁴⁰ and R⁴¹ are the same or different and are each C₁ to C₂₂ alkyl or C₁ to C₂₀ alkoxy;

R⁴² is -H or R³³;

q = 0 or an integer from 1 to 4 inclusive;

v = an integer from 1 to 8 inclusive; and

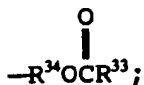
w = 0, 1 or 2, x = 0 or 1, z = 0 or 1 with the proviso that when x = 0 then z = 1, when x = 1 then z = 0 and w = 1, when w = 2 then x = 0 and z = 1, and when w = 0 then x = 0, z = 1 and Y is -W-R³⁴-W¹- or



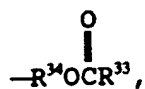
The preferred mono-organotin compounds useful in this invention are those compounds according to formula (A) where R³⁰ is methyl, butyl or octyl and W is sulfur; those compounds according to formula (B) where R³¹ is methyl or butyl, W is sulfur, Z is -SR³² where R³² is



those compounds according to formula (C) where R³⁰ is methyl or butyl, Z is -SR³² where R³² is



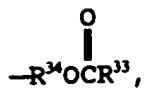
those compounds according to formula (D) where R³⁰ is methyl, Z is -SR³² where R³² is



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R³¹ is methyl, Z' is -SR³² where R³² is

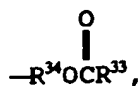
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Y is -S-, and q = 0; and those compounds according to formula (E) where R³⁰ is methyl, Z is -SR³² where R³² is

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R³¹ is methyl, Z' is -SR³² where R³² is

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Y is -S-, W=1, x = 0, and z = 1.

Examples of mono-organotin compounds which are useful in this invention include, but are not limited to, those illustrated in Tables 1-4 below. Thus, representative of the mono-organotin compounds described by formulas (A) and (B) are those illustrated in Table 1 below.

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TABLE 1

(A) $\left[\begin{array}{c} R^{30}-Sn \\ \\ W \end{array} \right]_2$		(B) $\begin{array}{c} R^{31}-Sn-Z \\ \\ W \end{array}$		
Mono-organotin Compound No.	R^{30}	R^{31}	W	Z
1	$-C_4H_9$	-	S	-
2	$-C_8H_{17}$	-	O	-
3	-	$-CH_3$	S	$\begin{array}{c} O \\ \\ -SCH_2CH_2OCC_{17}H_{33} \end{array}$
4	-	$-CH_3$	S	$\begin{array}{c} O \\ \\ -SCH_2COC_8H_{17} \end{array}$
5	-	$\begin{array}{c} O \\ \\ -CH_2CH_2COC_4H_9 \end{array}$	S	$\begin{array}{c} O \\ \\ -SCH_2CH_2COC_{18}H_{37} \end{array}$

Examples of mono-organotin compounds represented by formula (C) are illustrated in Table 2 below.

TABLE 2

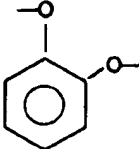
$R^{30}-Sn-Z_3$		(C)
Mono-organotin Compound No.	R^{30}	Z
6	$-CH_3$	$\begin{array}{c} O \\ \\ -SCH_2COC_8H_{17} \end{array}$
7	$-C_4H_9$	$\begin{array}{c} O \\ \\ -SCH_2CH_2OCC_7H_{15} \end{array}$

The mono-organotin compounds illustrated in Table 3 below are representative of compounds described in formula (D).

TABLE 3

(D)

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{Z} \quad \text{R}^{31} \quad \text{Z} \\
 | \quad | \quad | \\
 \text{R}^{30}-\text{Sn}-\text{Y}-(\text{Sn}-\text{Y})_q-\text{Sn}-\text{R}^{30} \\
 | \quad | \quad | \\
 \text{Z}^1 \quad \text{Z} \quad \text{Z}^1
 \end{array}$$

Mono-organotin Compound No.	R ³⁰ and R ³¹	Z	Z ¹	Y	q
8	-CH ₃	$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \\ -\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCC}_{11}\text{H}_{23} \end{array}$	Same as Z	-S-	0
9	$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \\ -\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COC}_4\text{H}_9 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \\ -\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COC}_4\text{H}_{17} \end{array}$	Same as Z	-S-S-	0
10	-CH ₃	$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \\ -\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCC}_{17}\text{H}_{33} \end{array}$	Same as Z	$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \quad \text{O} \\ \quad \\ -\text{SCH}_2\text{COC}_4\text{H}_8\text{OCCH}_2\text{S}- \end{array}$	1
11	-CH ₃	$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \quad \text{O} \\ \quad \\ -\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCCH}=\text{CHCOCH}_3 \end{array}$	Same as Z	-S-	0
12	-C ₄ H ₉	$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \\ -\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCC}_8\text{H}_{17} \end{array}$	Same as Z	$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \\ -\text{S}-\text{CH}_2\text{CO}- \end{array}$	0
13	-CH ₃	$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \\ -\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCC}_{11}\text{H}_{23} \end{array}$	Same as Z	-S-	0
14	-C ₄ H ₉	$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \\ -\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCC}_7\text{H}_{15} \end{array}$	Same as Z		0

The mono-organotin compound illustrated in Table 4 below is representative of compounds described by formula (E).

TABLE 4

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(E)

Mono-organotin							
Compound No.	R ³⁰ and R ³¹	Z and Z ¹	Y	w	x	z	
15	-CH ₃	$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \\ -\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCC}_{17}\text{H}_{33} \end{array}$	-S-	1	0	1	

As used in Tables 1-3 above, and throughout this specification, the radicals -C₄H₉, -C₈H₁₇, -C₁₂H₂₅, -C₉H₁₉ and -C₁₀H₂₁ represent n-butyl, n-octyl, n-dodecyl, n-nonyl and n-decyl respectively.

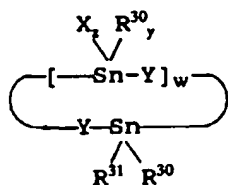
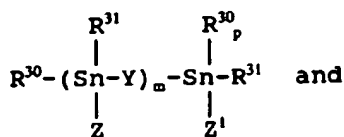
The carboxyl radicals



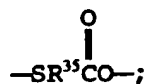
are derived from oleic acid, stearic acid, n-octanoic acid, lauric acid, and pelargonic acid respectively. Likewise, the radicals -OC₁₃H₂₇, -OC₁₈H₃₇, and -OC₈H₁₇, are derived from tridecanol, stearyl alcohol and iso-octanol, respectively.

The diorganotin compounds useful in the practice of this invention contain one or more tetravalent tin atoms, at least one of which has direct bonds to two carbon atoms and have structure selected from the following formulas:



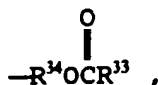


wherein R^{30} , R^{31} , W , Z , Z^1 , Y , w and z are as previously defined; $n=0, 1$ or 2 , $p=0, 1$ or 2 with proviso that $n+p=2$, and $m=1$ to 5 ;
 $y=1$ or 2 , $y=2$ with the proviso that when $w=0$ then Y is $-W-R^{34}-W^1-$, or

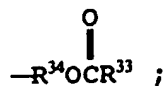


and in formula (J) when $z=1$ and in formulas (G) and (H) at least one Z or Z^1 is $-\text{SR}^{32}$.

The preferred diorganotin compounds used in the practice of this invention are those compounds according to formula (F) where R is methyl or butyl, R^{31} is methyl or butyl and W is sulfur; those compounds according to formula (G) where R is methyl or butyl, R^{31} is methyl or butyl, Z is $-\text{SR}^{32}$ where R^{32} is



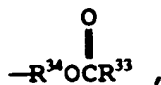
and Z^1 is $-\text{SR}^{32}$ is



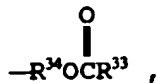
those compounds according to formula (H) where R^{30} is methyl or butyl, R^{31} is methyl or butyl, Y is $-\text{S}-$, Z is $-\text{SR}^{32}$ where R^{32} is



Z^1 is $-\text{SR}^{32}$ where R^{32} is



m = 1, n = 2 and p = 0; and those compounds according to formula (J) where R³⁰ is methyl or butyl, R³¹ is methyl or butyl, Z is -SR³² and R³² is



Y is -S-, w = 1, y = 1 and z = 1.

Examples of diorganotin compounds according to formula (F) include, but are not limited to, the compounds illustrated in Table 5 below.

TABLE 5

$\begin{array}{c} \text{R}^{30}-\text{Sn}-\text{R}^{31} \\ \\ \text{W} \end{array} \quad (F)$			
Diorganotin Compound No.	R ³⁰	R ³¹	W
1	-C ₄ H ₉	-C ₄ H ₉	S
2	-C ₈ H ₁₇	-C ₈ H ₁₇	O

Examples of diorganotin compounds according to formula G include, but are not limited to, the compounds in Table 6 below.

TABLE 6

$ \begin{array}{c} Z^1 \\ \\ R^{30}-Sn-Z \\ \\ R^{31} \end{array} \quad (G) $			
Diorganotin Compound No.	R^{30}	R^{31}	Z and Z^1
C	$ \begin{array}{c} O \\ \\ -CH_2CH_2COC_4H_9 \end{array} $	Same as R^{30}	$ \begin{array}{c} O \\ \\ -SCH_2CH_2OCCH_3 \end{array} $
D	$-CH_3$	Same as R^{30}	$ \begin{array}{c} O \\ \\ -SCH_2CH_2OCC_{17}H_{35} \end{array} $

Examples of diorganotin compounds according to formula (H) include, but are not limited to, the compounds in Table 7 below.

TABLE 7

$ \begin{array}{c} R^{31} \quad R^{30} \\ \quad \\ R^{30}-(Sn-Y)_n-Sn-R^{31} \\ \quad \\ Z \quad Z^1 \end{array} \quad (H) $							
Diorganotin Compound No.	R^{30} and R^{31}	Z	Z^1	Y	n	p	m
E	$-CH_3$	$ \begin{array}{c} O \\ \\ -SCH_2COC_{13}H_{27} \end{array} $	Same as R^{30}	$-S-$	1	1	1
F	$-C_4H_9$	$ \begin{array}{c} O \\ \\ -SCH_2CH_2OCC_8H_{17} \end{array} $	Same as R^{30}	$-S-$	1	1	1

Examples of diorganotin compounds according to formula (J) include, but are not limited to, the compounds in Table 8 below.

TABLE 8

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{Z} \quad \text{R}^{30} \\
 \diagdown \quad \diagup \\
 \text{---} \text{Sn} \text{---} \text{Y} \text{---} \\
 | \\
 \text{Y} \text{---} \text{Sn} \text{---} \\
 \diagup \quad \diagdown \\
 \text{R}^{31} \quad \text{R}^{30}
 \end{array}
 \quad (J)$$

Diorganotin

Compound No.	R^{30}	R^{31}	Z	Y	w	v	z
G	$-\text{C}_4\text{H}_9$	$-\text{C}_4\text{H}_9$	$ \begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \\ -\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COC}_8\text{H}_{17} \end{array} $	$-\text{S}-$	1	1	1

The mono-organotin compounds and diorganotin compounds useful in the compositions of this invention may be prepared by methods well-known in the art such as the reaction of a mono- or dialkyltin chloride with a mercaptoalkyl carboxylate or an alkyl thioglycolate in the presence of a base to scavenge hydrogen chloride. Methyltin trichloride, dimethyltin dichloride, butyltin trichloride, dibutyltin dichloride, ethylhexyltin trichloride, and dioctyltin dichloride are examples of organotin halides that are suitable for the preparation of useful stabilizers for this invention. See for example, U.S. Pat. Nos. 3,565,930, 3,869,487, 3,979,359, 4,118,371, 4,134,878 and 4,183,846 all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Monosulfides and/or polysulfides of the mercaptoalkyl carboxylates and alkyl thioglycolates are also suitable as metal based stabilizers in the compositions of this invention for improving the resistance of halogen-containing polymers to deterioration when heated to 350°F (177°C) during processing. Polysulfides are mixtures of compounds having from 2 to 10 or more sulfur atoms linked together but compounds having from 2 to 4 sulfur atoms are preferred along with the monosulfides. Said sulfides are made by heating stoichiometric quantities of a mercaptoalkyl ester or alkylthiocarboxylate and an organotin chloride in water and ammonium hydroxide to about 30°C (86°F), slowly adding an alkali metal mono- or polysulfide, and heating the reaction mixture further to about 45°C before separating the product from said mixture. Although stoichiometric quantities are used, the reaction produces several different but related products, some of which have two tin atoms linked together only through sulfide sulfur atoms and have tin atoms linked to hydrocarbyl groups through carbon atoms and to mercaptoalkyl esters or thioglycolates through mercapto sulfur atoms. Said sulfides contain from about 10 to about 42 % by weight of tin and from about 8 to about 42 % by weight of sulfur.

Conventional non-metallic stabilizers and antioxidants can also be included in the stabilizer compositions of the present invention to assist in improving the properties of the halogen containing resin. Thus, there can be included 0.01-10%, preferably 0.1-5% based on the resin of sulfur containing compounds such as dilauryl-thiodipropionate, distearyl 3,3'-thiodipropionate, dicyclohexyl-3,3'-thiodipropionate, dioleoyl-3,3'-thiodipropionate, dibenzyl-3,3'-thiodipropionate, didodecyl-3,3'-thiodipropionate, dibenzyl-3,3'-thiodipropionate, diethyl-3,3'-thiodipropionate, lauryl ester of 3-methylmercaptopropionic acid, lauryl ester of 3-butylmercaptopropionic acid, lauryl ester of 3-lauryl mercaptopropionic acid, and phenyl ester of 3-octyl mercaptopropionic acid.

Phenolic antioxidants can also be added in an amount of 0.01-10%, preferably 0.1-5% of the halogen-containing resin. Examples of such phenols include 2,6-di-t-butyl-p-cresol, butylated hydroxyanisole, propyl gallate, 4,4'-thiobis(6-t-butyl-m-cresol), 4,4'-cyclohexyldenediphenol, 2,5-di-t-amyl hydroquinone, 4,4'-butylidene bis(6-t-butyl-m-cresol), hydroquinone monobenzyl ether, 2,2'-methylene-bis(4-methyl-6-t-butyl phenol), 2,6-butyl-4-decyloxy phenol, 2-t-butyl-4-dodecyloxy phenol, 2-t-butyl-4-dodecyloxy phenol, 2-t-butyl-4-octadecyloxy phenol, 4,4'-methylene-bis(2,6-di-t-butyl phenol), p-amino phenol, N-lauryloxy-p-amino phenol, 4,4'-thiobis(3-methyl-6-t-butyl phenol), bis[o-(1,1,3,3-tetramethyl butyl)phenol] sulfide, 4-acetyl-β-resorcylic acid, A-stage p-t-butylphenolformaldehyde resin, 4-dodecyloxy-2-hydroxybenzophenone, 3-hydroxy-4-(phenylcarbonyl) phenyl palmitate, n-dodecyl ester of 3-hydroxy-4-(phenyl carbonyl) phenoxyacetic acid, and t-butyl phenol.

The use of epoxy compounds in an amount of 0.01-5% in the polymer compositions is also valuable. Examples of such epoxy compounds include epoxidized soya bean oil, epoxidized lard oil, epoxidized olive oil, epoxidized linseed

oil, epoxidized castor oil, epoxidized peanut oil, epoxidized corn oil, epoxidized tung oil, epoxidized cottonseed oil, epichlorhydrin/bis-phenol A resins, phenoxy-propylene oxide, butoxypropylene oxide, epoxidized neopentylene oleate, glycidyl epoxystearate, epoxidized α -olefins, epoxidized glycidyl soyate, dicyclopentadiene dioxide, epoxidized butyl toluate, styrene oxide, dipentene dioxide, glycidol, vinyl cyclo-hexene dioxide, glycidyl ether of resorcinol, glycidol ether of hydroquinone, glycidyl ether of 1,5-dihydroxynaphthalene, epox-idized linseed oil fatty acids, allyl glycidyl ether, butyl gly-cidyl ether, cyclohexane oxide, 4-(2,3-epoxypropoxy) aceto-phenone, mesityl oxide epoxide, 2-ethyl-3-propyl gly-cidamide, glycidyl ethers of glycerine, pentaerythritol and sorbitol, and 3,4-epoxycyclohexane-1, 1-dimethanol bis-9,10-epoxystearate.

Likewise there can be used organic phosphites in an amount of 0.01 to 10%, preferably 0.1-5% of the halogen containing resins. The organic phosphites contain one or more, up to a total of three, aryl, alkyl, aralkyl and alkaryl groups, in any combination. The term "trialkylaryl" is inclusive of alkyl, aryl, alkaryl and aralkyl phosphites containing any assortment of alkyl, aryl, alkaryl and aralkyl groups. Exemplary are triphenyl phosphite, tricresyl phosphite, tri (dimethylphenyl) phosphite, tributyl phos-phite, trioctyl phosphite, tridodecyl phosphite, octyl diphenyl phosphite, dioctyl phenyl phosphite, tri(octyl-phenyl) phosphite, tri(nonylphenyl) phosphite, tribenzyl phosphite, butyl dicresyl phosphite, octyl di(octyl-phenyl) phosphite, tri(2-ethyl-hexyl) phosphite, tritolyl phosphite, tri(2-cyclohexylphenyl) phosphite, tri-alpha-naphthyl phosphite, tri(phenylphenyl) phosphite, and tri(2-phenylethyl) phosphite.

Likewise there can be included polyol stabilizers for vinyl chloride resins in an amount of 0.01-10%. Thus there can be included glycerol, sorbitol, pentaerythritol and mannitol.

Nitrogen containing stabilizers such as dicyandiamide, melamine, urea, formoguanamine, dimethyl hydantoin, guanidine, thiourea, 2-phenylindoles, aminocrotonates, N-substituted maleimides, and the like also can be included in amounts of 0.1-10%. There can even be included conventional lubricants for vinyl chloride resins such as low molecular weight polyethylene, i.e. polyethylene wax, fatty acid amides, e.g. lauramide and stearamide, bisamides, e.g. decamethylene, bis amide, and fatty acid esters, e.g. butyl stearate, glyceryl stearate, linseed oil, palm oil, decyloleate, corn oil, cottonseed oil, hydrogenated cottonseed oil, etc.

The stabilizer compositions of this invention may be prepared by blending the components thereof in any convenient manner which produces a homogeneous mixture, such as by shaking or stirring in a container. Likewise, the stabilized compositions of this invention can be incorporated in the halogen-containing organic polymer by admixing the stabilizer composition and polymer, such as, for example, in an appropriate mill or mixer or by any other of the well-known methods which provide uniform distribution of the stabilizer throughout the polymer.

The stabilizer compositions of this invention are employed in an amount sufficient to impart the desired resistance to heat deterioration to halogen-containing organic polymers. It will be readily apparent to one of ordinary skill in the art, that the precise amount of stabilizer composition used will depend upon several factors, including, but not limited to, the particular halogen-containing organic polymer employed, the temperature to which the polymer will be subjected, and the possible presence of other stabilizing compounds. In general, the more severe the conditions to which the halogen-containing organic polymer is sub-jected, and the longer the term required for resisting degradation, the greater will be the amount of stabilizer composition required. Generally, as little as about 0.20 part by weight of the stabilizer composition per hundred parts by weight of halogen-containing organic polymer will be effective. While there is no critical upper limit to the amount of stabilizer composition which can be employed, amounts in excess of about 10 parts by weight of halogen-containing organic polymer do not give an increase in effectiveness commensurate with the additional amount of stabilizer employed.

The following examples further illustrate the preparation of blocked mercaptans of this invention, the preparation of stabilizer compositions of this invention, and the advantages of said blocked mercaptans and stabilizer compositions.

EXAMPLES 1-14

The starting materials, the procedure for preparing the latent mercaptans and the percent of residual -SH groups in the latent mercaptan are given in TABLE 9. The total color change of PVC compositions containing said latent mercaptans as part of stabilizer compositions in contrast to that of PVC compositions which are otherwise the same but without the latent mercaptan of this invention are given in TABLE 10.

A standard PVC pipe formulation containing:

INGREDIENT	AMOUNT
PVC (Shintech SE950)	100.00
Calcium carbonate	5.00 phr
Titanium dioxide	1.00 phr
Calcium stearate	0.60 phr

(continued)

INGREDIENT	AMOUNT
Oxidized polyethylene	0.15 phr
Paraffin wax	1.20 phr
Tin mercaptide of a mercaptoalkyl carboxylate	0.25 phr

was processed as the Control on a standard two-roll mill at 199° C with chips taken at one-minute intervals. Then the same formulation except for the addition of the indicated amount of latent mercaptan was also processed on the same roll at the same temperature, taking chips at the same intervals. The total color change (dE), relative to a white tile standard, was measured using a Hunter colorimeter. The dE values given in TABLE 10 for the Control are averages of the values measured in the 12 tests which paralleled the tests of the stabilizer compositions of Examples 1-12.

Examples 15-18

The standard PVC pipe formulation of Examples 1-14 was used and the heat stabilization afforded by latent mercaptans of FORMULAS 4, 2, and 18 were tested at different levels as shown in Table 11.

TABLE 9

Example No.	FORMULA	Procedure	% SH
1	2	A	0.31
2	3	A	0.10
3*	4	A	0.17
4	10	A	0.10
5	11	B	0.10
6	12	C	0.20
7	13	B	13.2
8	14	A	0.10
9	15	E	0.10
10	16	D	0.35
11	17	D	0.30
12**	18	A	0.25
13	21	A	0.30
14	25	C	0.20

* Also contains minor amounts of FORMULAS 5-9.

** Also contains minor amount of 19.

TABLE 10

Example		dE at One-minute Intervals									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	phr										
Control	---	5.6	7.2	8.1	9.4	11.2	13.7	17.0	20.8	23.8	25.7
1	0.10	3.9	4.2	4.6	5.5	8.3	12.1	16.6	20.0	23.6	26.7
2	0.15	4.0	3.9	4.7	5.5	7.0	10.3	14.0	17.6	22.1	26.2
3	0.15	4.0	4.7	4.6	5.2	6.7	8.5	11.3	14.1	18.0	21.3
4	0.28	3.9	5.0	5.5	6.1	7.6	11.7	16.7	20.5	24.2	25.5
5	0.25	5.3	6.2	6.8	7.7	9.3	13.8	18.3	22.1	24.2	25.5
6	0.04	3.0	3.5	4.4	5.8	9.5	13.8	18.3	22.2	23.9	25.6
7	0.12	4.9	5.7	6.5	6.8	7.6	8.9	11.1	14.3	17.1	20.9
8	0.15	6.6	6.7	7.0	7.2	7.8	9.9	12.3	16.3	20.1	23.3
9	0.20	4.3	5.3	6.3	8.5	10.9	14.6	18.6	22.2	24.5	26.8
10	0.30	4.9	5.2	5.6	6.5	7.5	10.6	14.8	18.5	22.0	24.2
11	0.25	6.3	6.6	6.5	7.0	8.2	11.6	16.0	19.4	22.0	23.1
12	0.10	3.5	4.3	5.4	6.4	8.0	10.7	14.1	17.4	21.4	24.7
13	0.10	4.1	4.7	4.7	5.5	6.7	10.0	13.8	17.4	20.1	22.8
14	0.10	4.7	5.6	6.0	6.6	7.3	8.2	16.3	12.9	16.1	18.6

TABLE 11

Example			dE at One-minute Intervals									
	FORMULA	phr	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Control	---	---	5.6	7.2	8.1	9.4	11.2	13.7	17.0	20.8	23.8	25.7
15	4	0.28	4.2	4.6	4.9	5.9	7.6	10.7	13.0	16.5	20.2	24.6
16	2	0.28	3.8	4.0	4.7	5.3	7.6	10.0	13.2	16.8	21.5	26.3
17	4	0.03	4.4	5.4	5.9	6.4	6.6	7.8	10.0	12.4	14.7	17.1
18	18	0.05	3.5	5.4	5.3	6.2	7.5	8.7	10.2	12.7	10.3	17.8

EXAMPLE 19

A standard clear PVC formulation containing:

INGREDIENT	AMOUNT
PVC (OCCIDENTAL 190)	100.00
PROCESS AID	1.50 phr
IMPACT MODIFIER	6.00 phr
LOXIOI G-16	1.00 phr
LOXIOI G-70	0.70 phr
OXIDIZED POLYETHYLENE	0.20 phr
EPOXIDIZED SOYBEAN OIL	1.00 phr
METHYLTINTHIOGLYCOLATE	1.25 phr

was processed as a Control on a standard two-roll mill (30F/40R) at 187°C with chips taken at two-minute intervals. Then the same formulation except for decreased stabilizer level and the addition of the amount of latent mercaptan shown below was also processed on the same roll at the same temperature, taking chips at the same intervals. The total color change (dE) was measured versus a white tile standard using a Hunter colorimeter.

INGREDIENT	AMOUNT (PHR)
METHYLTINTHIOGLYCOLATE	1.00
COMPOUND #4	0.25

TABLE 12

dE at Two Minute Intervals											
	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22
Control	15.0	15.9	17.1	17.3	18.7	20.1	21.5	23.6	26.8	31.7	38.2
Ex. 19	15.1	14.6	15.1	15.4	15.7	16.9	18.5	20.7	23.7	27.3	34.5

EXAMPLE 20

¹H-NMR spectroscopy was used to determine the molecular structure of 2-S-(mercaptoethylcapryl)tetrahydrofuran (FORMULA 24) which was prepared by adding 42.0 grams (0.50 mole) of 3,4-dihydropyran to 112.2 grams (0.50 equivalent) of mercaptoethylcaprate (14.7 % SH) over a period of 45 minutes while maintaining a nitrogen atmosphere and a temperature below 35 °C and then heating it to 50°C and holding that temperature for 1.5 hours. After cooling the solution, it was washed with two 200 ml portions of a 10 % sodium bicarbonate solution in water, followed by a 200 ml wash with water. The organic layer was dried with MgSO₄ to yield a light yellow liquid having an SH content of less than 0.5 percent as determined by titration with a 0.100 N iodine solution in isopropanol. The ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, δ) spectrum was: 2.3 (2H, t, -C(=O)-CH₂-CH₂), 2.8 (2H, m, -S-CH₂-CH₂-), 4.2 (2H, m, -S-CH₂-CH₂-O-), 4.9 (1H, m, -O-CH₂-(S-CH₂)-CH₂-CH₂-). The total color change (dE) of a PVC composition containing 0.13 phr of the latent mercaptan of this example was measured versus a white tile standard using a Hunter colorimeter at one minute intervals. At one minute, it was 4.2; at five minutes, it was 8.4.

EXAMPLE 21

¹H-NMR spectroscopy was used to determine the molecular structure of 1-S-(2-hydroxyethylthio)-1-phenylmethane (FORMULA 11) which was prepared by adding 135.0 grams of a 20% methanol solution of sodium methoxide to 39.1 grams (0.50 mole) of 2-mercaptoethanol and 63.3 (0.50 mole) grams of benzyl chloride under nitrogen over a period of 45 minutes while keeping the temperature below 50°C, then heating the solution to 60° C and holding it there for 6 hours. After cooling the solution, it was washed with two 200 ml portions of water, dried with magnesium sulfate, and stripped of solvent at 90°C and 10mm Hg to yield a light yellow liquid having an SH content of less than 0.5 percent as determined by titration with a 0.100N iodine solution in isopropanol. The ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, δ) spectrum was: 2.6 (2H, t, -S-CH₂-CH₂-OH), 3.6 (2H, t, -CH₂-CH₂-OH), 3.7 (2H, s, Ar-CH₂-S-), 7.3 (5H, m, Ar-H); the ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃, δ) spectrum was 33.9 (-S-CH₂-), 35.8 (Ar-CH₂-) and 126.9-138.6 (Ar).

EXAMPLE 22

¹H-NMR spectroscopy was used to determine the molecular structure of 1-S-(2-hydroxyethylthio)-1-(2-hydroxyphenyl) methane (FORMULA 12) which was prepared by heating a stirred mixture of 31.5 grams (0.40 mole) of 2-mercaptoethanol and 50 grams (0.40 mole) of 2-hydroxy benzyl alcohol in 75 grams of toluene to 40°C under nitrogen and adding 0.21 gram of 70% methanesulfonic acid, heating it to 65° C and holding it there for 45 minutes. After cooling the solution, it was washed with 100 mls of 10% aqueous sodium bicarbonate and 100 mls of water, dried with magnesium sulfate, and stripped of solvent at 50°C and 10 mm Hg to yield a tan viscous oil having an SH content of less than 0.3 percent as determined by titration with a 0.100N iodine solution in isopropanol. The product was purified by column chromatography through silica gel using ethyl acetate/methanol as the elution solvent to obtain a light yellow oil. The ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, δ) spectrum was: 2.5 (2H, t, -S-CH₂-CH₂-), 3.6 (2H, t, -CH₂-CH₂-OH), 3.7 (2H, s, Ar-CH₂-S-), 6.6-7.2 (5H, m, Ar-H); the ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃, δ) spectrum was 31.1 (-S-CH₂-CH₂-), 33.5 (Ar-CH₂-S-), 61.1 (-CH₂-CH₂-OH) and 116.5-154.3 (Ar).

EXAMPLE 23

¹H-NMR spectroscopy was used to determine the molecular structure of 1-S-(2-hydroxyethylthio)-1-methyl-1-N-pyrrolidinonylmethane (FORMULA 2) which was prepared by adding 55.57 grams (0.50 mole) of 1-vinyl-2 pyrrolidinone with stirring to a solution of 39.06 grams (0.50 mole) of 2-mercaptoethanol and 0.14 gram of 70% methanesulfonic acid while maintaining the temperature below 40°C and an atmosphere of nitrogen in the reaction vessel. The reaction mixture was heated to 60° C and held there for one hour. After cooling the solution, it was diluted with 75 mls of diethyl ether, washed with two 100 ml portions of water and 25 mls of saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate, dried with magnesium sulfate, and stripped of solvent at 50°C and 10 mm Hg to yield a light yellow oil having an SH content of less than 0.5 percent as determined by titration with a 0.100N iodine solution in isopropanol. The ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃, δ) spectrum was: 1.4 (3H, d, CH₃-CH), 2.1 (2H, q, N-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-), 2.4 (2H, t, -S-CH₂-CH₂-), 2.5 (2H, t, -CH₂-C(=O)-), 3.4 (2H, t, -CH₂-CH₂-N), 3.7 (2H, t, -CH₂-CH₂-OH), 5.6 (1H, q, N-CH(-CH₃)-S-); the ¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃, δ) spectrum was 17.7 (CH-CH₃), 19.2 (-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-), 31.3 (CH₂-CH₂-C(=O)-), 33.4 (-S-CH₂-CH₂-), 41.8 (N-CH₂-CH₂-), 51.5 (N-CH(-CH₃)-S-), 61.6 (-S-CH₂-CH₂-OH), 175.5 (-CH₂-C(=O)-N).

EXAMPLE 24

To 28.4 grams (0.36 mole) of 2-mercaptoethanol under nitrogen, there was added 0.22 gram of p-toluenesulfonic

acid, immediately followed by the addition of 60.0 grams (0.36 mole) of cresyl glycidyl ether with stirring over a period of 60 minutes while maintaining the temperature at 50° C. The mixture was then heated to 65° C and held there for 2.5 hours. After cooling, the solution was washed with sodium bicarbonate two-150 ml portions of water containing 25mls of saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution, then dried with magnesium sulfate to yield a clear oil with < 0.4 % SH as determined by titration with 0.100 N iodine solution in isopropanol. The molecular structure of the product, 2-hydroxy-3-(2-hydroxyethylthio)propyl o-methylphenyl ether (FORMULA 16), was determined by ¹H-NMR and ¹³C-NMR spectroscopy. ¹H-NMR (CD₃COCD₃, δ): 2.2 (3H, s, ArCH₃), 2.8 (4H, m, -CH₂-S-), 3.7 (2H, m, -CH₂-OH), 4.1 (2H, dd, Ar-O-CH₂-), 4.6 (1H, m, -CH(OH)-), 6.8-7.2 (4H, m, Ar-H); ¹³C-NMR (CD₃COCD₃, δ): 16.3 (Ar-CH₃), 36.8 (-S-CH₂-), 62.3 (-CH₂-OH), 70.1 (-CH-OH), 70.5 (Ar-O-CH₂-), 111.9-157.8 (Ar).

EXAMPLES 25 & 26

As another aspect of this invention, it has been discovered that antioxidants activate the latent mercaptans to enhance the heat stability of PVC compositions during processing. The PVC pipe formulations of Example 25 (latent mercaptan alone) and Example 26 (latent mercaptan + an antioxidant) are compared with the Control and Comparative Example 1 (CE 1) in TABLE 14. Each was processed on a standard two-roll mill at 199° C. Chips of the PVC formulation were taken at one-minute intervals. The enhanced heat stability of the formulation of Example 26 is evident. As a comparison of the results for the Control and CE 1 shows, the antioxidant does not, by itself, enhance the effect of the alkyltin mercaptide.

INGREDIENT	EXAMPLE			
	Control	25	26	CompEx 1
PVC (Shintech SE950)	100.00	100.00	100.0	100.0
Calcium carbonate	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Titanium dioxide	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Calcium stearate	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60
Oxidized polyethylene	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15
Paraffin wax	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20
Alkyltin mercaptide of a mercaptoalkyl carboxylate	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
Latent mercaptan *	0.00	0.15	0.15	0.00
IRGANOX 1010 antioxidant	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.20

* Isomers of FORMULAS 4-9

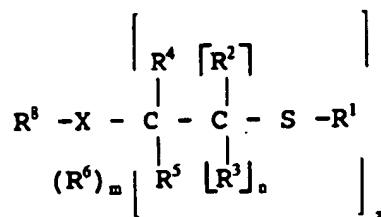
TABLE 14

Ex.No.	dE values at One Minute Intervals										
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Cont.	6.2	7.5	8.3	9.5	11.2	13.2	16.8	20.6	23.7	25.2	27.2
25	4.0	4.8	5.0	5.6	7.1	9.4	12.7	15.6	18.7	22.0	25.2
26	4.3	4.6	5.0	5.2	5.9	7.7	10.2	13.2	15.8	18.8	21.5
CE 1	5.3	7.6	8.3	9.3	11.0	13.1	16.8	20.0	23.2	25.1	26.6

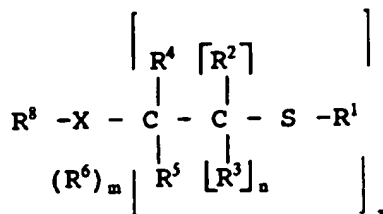
As was mentioned above, the latent mercaptans of this invention are also intermediates for the preparation of primary heat stabilizers, anti-oxidants, anti-microbial agents, odor masks, and photostabilizers. Primary heat stabilizers, for example, may be made from latent mercaptans having a phenolic, carboxylate, or a free mercaptan functionality by reaction with a metal or organometal oxide, hydroxide, or halide such as calcium hydroxide, barium hydroxide, methyltin trichloride and dimethyltin dichloride. Phenols, for example, yield compounds having the general formula



wherein A is Sn, Ba, Ca, Al, monoalkyltin, dialkyltin, trialkyl tin, B is



m and n are 0 or 1, X is aryl, alkaryl, or haloaryl, R^8 is O^- or S^- , z is 1 or 2, and b is from 1 to 4. As another aspect of this invention then, a compound of the Formula AB_b wherein A is dibutyltin, B is



m = 0, n = 0, z = 1; X is phenyl, R^4 and R^5 are hydrogen, R^8 is O^- , R^1 is hydroxyethyl and b is 2, was prepared by the reaction of dibutyltin oxide with 1-S-(2-hydroxyethylthio)-1-(2-hydroxyphenylmethane) (FORMULA 12) as further described in Example 27.

EXAMPLE 27 and COMPARATIVE EXAMPLE 2

Twenty grams (0.08 mole) of dibutyltin oxide, 29.61 grams (0.16 mole) of 1-S-(2-hydroxyethylthio)-1-(2-hydroxyphenylmethane), and 150 mls of toluene were heated under a nitrogen atmosphere in a round bottom flask equipped with a Dean-Stark trap. The azeotropic distillation of water was carried out at 108-111°C and the theoretical amount (0.7 ml) was collected after about two hours. The toluene was removed by distillation at 10 mm Hg and a maximum temperature of 110°C. A yellow oil having little or no odor was obtained. The theoretical tin content is 19.7%; the tin content found was 20.2%. A satisfactory product of this invention was thus obtained.

In TABLE 15, the stabilization of a standard PVC pipe formulation by the product of Example 27 at a level of 0.25 phr is compared with that of dibutyltin diphenate at the same level (Comparative Example 2, made according to the general procedure of Example 27 except that phenol was substituted for the 1-S-(2-hydroxyethylthio)-1-(2-hydroxyphenylmethane). The resulting formulations were processed on a standard two-roll mill at 199°C with chips being taken at one-minute intervals. The standard formulation, as follows, was tested as the Control:

PVC (Shintech SE950)	100.00
Calcium carbonate	5.00
Titanium dioxide	1.00
Calcium stearate	0.60
Oxidized polyethylene	0.15

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Paraffin wax	1.20
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TABLE 15

Example	dE at One-minute Intervals					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Control	19.4	33.5	40.3	43.0	40.3	39.3
Comp Ex 2	12.4	22.1	33.0	35.7	35.7	34.1
27	7.9	15.3	21.7	29.5	36.8	41.3

EXAMPLE 28

To a solution containing 22.58 grams (0.106 mole) 1-S-hydroxyethylthiol-1-(2-hydroxyphenyl)propane, 14.47 grams (0.053 mole) 2-mercaptoethyl-(4-methoxybenzyl)thioacetate, 17.94 grams (0.177 mole) triethylamine, and 50 ml of dichloromethane is added dropwise over a period of one hour at 8°C a solution of 15.00 grams (0.053 mole) of butyltintrichloride in 50 ml dichloromethane with stirring under a nitrogen atmosphere. The solution is then slowly warmed to 40°C and held for one hour after which it is cooled to room temperature, transferred to a separatory funnel, and washed twice with 150 ml of water. After drying with magnesium sulfate, the product is stripped of solvent at 50°C under 15 mm pressure to yield an amber oil. The product was analyzed for tin content, 14.5% (14.2% theory), and titratable SH, 4.0% (4.0% theory). A satisfactory product of this invention was thus obtained.

A standard pipe formulation containing the following components:

INGREDIENT	AMOUNT
PVC (Shintech SE950)	100.00
Calcium carbonate	5.00 phr
Titanium dioxide	1.00 phr
Paraffin wax	1.20 phr
Calcium stearate	0.60 phr
Oxidized Polyethylene	0.15 phr

was processed with 0.27 phr of the above protected mercaptan stabilizer and in the absence of stabilizer (CONTROL) on a standard two-roll mill (30F/40R) at 199°C with chips taken at one minute intervals. The total color change (dE) was measured versus a white tile standard using a Hunter colorimeter and is shown in Table 16.

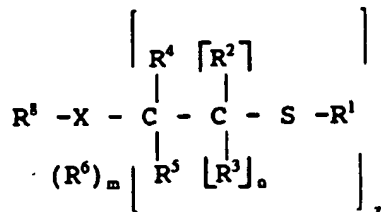
TABLE 16

Example	dE at One-minute Intervals									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Control	19.0	30.8	37.4	41.5	41.4	41.8	41.9	38.6	37.6	36.2
28	5.8	8.0	9.7	11.0	12.9	15.2	17.1	19.4	22.3	24.3

Anti-oxidants also may be made from latent mercaptans having a phenolic hydroxyl group by their reaction with phosphorus trichloride or a phosphite having one, two, or three alkoxy, aryloxy, aralkoxy, alkaryloxy, or haloaryloxy groups to give a



compound wherein P is phosphorus, Q is an alkoxy, aryloxy, aralkoxy, alkaryloxy, or haloaryloxy radical, p is 1 or 2 and B is



wherein n is 0 or 1; z is 1 or 2; R¹ is an alkyl, alkylene, cycloalkyl, cycloalkoxyl, aryl, alkaryl, aralkyl, hydroxyalkyl, mercaptoalkyl, mercaptoalkoxycarbonylalkyl, hydroxyaryl, mercaptoaryl, carboxyalkyl, carboxyaryl, or acyl group having from 1 to 22 carbon atoms; R², R³, R⁴ and R⁵ are hydrogen, a hydroxyl, mercapto, alkyl, alkylene, aryl, haloaryl, alkaryl, aralkyl, hydroxyalkyl, mercaptoalkyl, hydroxyaryl, alkoxy-(hydroxyaryl), or mercaptoaryl group having from 1 to 22 carbon atoms; X is aryl, haloaryl, arylcycloalkyl, and R⁶ is O⁻.

Also, the latent mercaptans of this invention wherein the blocking or protecting group includes chemical functionality may provide additional benefit in polymer processing and/or performance. The disagreeable odor generated by primary mercaptan-containing stabilizers during the processing of PVC is masked in latent mercaptans exemplified by the compound of FORMULA 21 and its isomers, and the compound of FORMULA 25. Thus, this invention provides a means for masking the odor of mercaptans while maintaining the function of the mercaptan as a synergist for improved color-hold.

It also has been found that the latent mercaptans of this invention are useful as the sole heat stabilizer for a flexible PVC formulation. Suitably, the amount of the latent mercaptan for this use may be from about 1 % to about 10 % by weight of the total weight of the stabilized PVC composition. This use of the latent mercaptans of this invention is exemplified in Examples 29 and 30 and by the test results shown in Table 17.

EXAMPLES 29 and 30

A standard flexible PVC formulation containing:

INGREDIENT	AMOUNT
PVC (GEON 30)	100.0
DIOCTYL PHTHALATE	25.0 phr
EPOXIDIZED SOYBEAN OIL	4.0 phr
OXIDIZED POLYETHYLENE	0.2 phr
STEARIC ACID	0.5 phr

was processed using a Brabender Plasticorder at 200°C/80 rpm with chips being taken at two minute intervals. Then the same formulation except for the addition of 5.0 phr of the latent mercaptan of the Formula indicated in Table 17 was also processed at the same intervals. The total color change (dE) was measured versus a white tile standard using a Hunter colorimeter.

EXAMPLE 31

A standard flexible PVC formulation containing:

INGREDIENT	AMOUNT
PVC (GEON 30)	100.00
DIOCTYL PHTHALATE	25.00 phr

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INGREDIENT	AMOUNT
EPOXIDIZED SOYBEAN OIL	4.00 phr
STEARIC ACID	0.50 phr
OXIDIZED POLYETHYLENE	0.20 phr
HYDROTALCITE	2.00 phr

was processed using a Brabender Plasticorder at 200°C/80 rpm with chips taken at two minute intervals. Then the same formulation except for a decreased part level of hydrotalcite, 1.00 phr, in conjunction with latent mercaptan (CMPD #4), 1.00 phr, was also processed at the same intervals. The total color change (dE), measured versus a white tile standard using a Hunter colorimeter, is shown in Table 18.

TABLE 17

Example	dE at Two-minute Intervals										
	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22
Control	49.4	73.3	78.1	80.3	78.3	77.3	77.9	76.2	77.7	83.5	82.7
29 Formula #4	28.3	41.0	44.6	48.6	48.4	52.0	51.6	50.5	52.0	50.2	51.5
30 Formula #18	33.0	43.7	47.4	49.3	50.0	51.4	53.1	55.0	60.4	64.5	67.2

TABLE 18

Ex.	dE at Two-minute Intervals												
	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	
Cont.	30.0	36.3	42.3	48.3	52.3	55.8	66.0	82.9	84.5	CHARRED			-
31	28.5	36.0	42.2	44.9	45.2	47.4	58.2	73.5	73.7	70.7	68.7	66.3	

The use of the latent mercaptans of this invention along with a mixed metal heat stabilizer for flexible PVC formulations is shown in the following example.

EXAMPLE 32

A standard flexible PVC formulation containing:

INGREDIENT	AMOUNT
PVC (GEON 30)	100.0
DIOCTYL PHTHALATE	25.0 phr
EPOXIDIZED SOYBEAN OIL	4.0 phr
OXIDIZED POLYETHYLENE	0.2 phr
STEARIC ACID	0.5 phr
Ba/Zn PHENATE	2.5 phr

was processed as a Control using a Brabender Plasticorder at 200°C/80 rpm with chips being taken at two minute intervals. Then the same formulation except for the addition of 2.0 phr of the latent mercaptan of Formula 4 was also processed at the same intervals. The total color change (dE) was measured versus a white tile standard using a Hunter colorimeter.

EXAMPLE 33

A flexible PVC formulation, similar to that of Example 32 except that the amounts of dioctyl phthalate and epoxidized soy bean oil were 40 and 8.58 phr, respectively, and the phenate was replaced by a mixture of a methyltin carboxylate (0.60 phr) and a zinc carboxylate (0.27 phr) was used as a Control and 0.75 phr of the latent mercaptan of Formula 4 was added to exemplify this invention. Each was processed as in Example 32 except that the Plasticorder was operated at 60 rpm. The color changes of the formulations of Examples 32 and 33 are given in Table 19.

TABLE 19

Example	dE at Two-minute Intervals											
Minutes	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	
Control (32)	23.1	21.1	20.8	20.9	19.9	20.8	24.7	27.2	33.2	41.2	51.2	
32	21.4	21.1	20.9	21.9	22.6	25.8	26.0	31.1	35.0	39.2	42.9	
Control (33)	26.1	27.4	27.6	29.2	30.1	31.6	33.6	33.5	38.1	38.8	39.5	
33	24.8	24.1	24.3	24.3	23.7	24.7	25.5	24.8	26.7	26.3	28.0	

		dE at Two-minute Intervals							
Minutes	24	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	
Control	(CHARRED)								
32	43.8	48.5	51.1	52.3	55.5	61.5	74.0	(CHARRED)	

Example 34 below illustrates the use of a hybrid mercaptan of this invention which contains both a blocked mercapto group and a free mercaptan group. The hybrid structures, as in FORMULA 13 above, function as ligands for metallic-based stabilizers and as heat stabilizers by themselves. Table 20 shows the improved early color when the hybrid is used.

EXAMPLE 34 and Comparative Example 3

A standard PVC pipe formulation containing:

INGREDIENT	AMOUNT
PVC (Shintech SE 950)	100.00
Calcium carbonate	5.00 phr
Titanium dioxide	1.00 phr
Paraffin wax	1.20 phr
Calcium stearate	0.60 phr
Oxidized polyethylene	0.15 phr
Tin mercaptide of a mercaptoalkyl carboxylate	0.25 phr

was processed as a Control on a dynamic two-roll mill at 199°C (30F/40R) with chips being taken at one minute intervals. Then the same formulation except for the addition of 0.11 phr of 2-mercaptoethylcaprate (Comparative Example 3) or 0.12 phr of the latent mercaptan of FORMULA 13 was processed at the same intervals. The total color change (dE) was measured versus a white tile standard using a Hunter colorimeter.

TABLE 20

Example	dE at One-minute Intervals										
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Control	5.7	7.6	8.8	9.6	11.4	13.1	16.5	19.7	22.9	25.2	26.6
CE 3	6.0	7.0	7.4	8.1	9.2	10.5	12.7	14.8	18.0	21.7	24.6
³⁴ Formula #13	4.9	5.7	6.5	6.8	7.6	8.9	11.1	14.3	17.1	20.9	24.3

Latent mercaptans exemplified by the compounds of FORMULAS 12 and 20 have anti-oxidant properties that may find use in improving polymer processing and polymer performance. A compound of FORMULA 23 acts as a photo-stabilizer in a polymer to retard discoloration and loss of physical properties caused by ultra-violet radiation.

The tendency of a free mercaptan to deactivate a biocide in a product containing a heat stabilizer composition as well is negated by the use of a latent mercaptan of this invention in combination with a metal-based stabilizer as the heat stabilizer composition. The latent mercaptan prepared by the reaction of 3,4-dihydropyran and 2-mercaptoethanol (Formula 4), for example, when tested at a level of 0.5 phr in vinyl films containing dibutyltin bis(2-phenylphenate) had no detrimental effect on the anti-microbial activity of OBPA against *staphylococcus aureus* and *klebsiella pneumoniae* bacteria and a fungal mix including *aspergillus niger*, *penicillium pinophyllum*, *chaetomium globosum*, *aureobasidium pullulans*, and *gliocladium virens*.

A novel, commercially attractive method for making highly active PVC heat stabilizers which often function also as anti-oxidants, UV stabilizers, odor masks, and/or anti-microbial agents has been developed. It is cost-effective and straightforward. The method comprises the reaction of a *para*-substituted phenol with formaldehyde and an alkali metal hydroxide in dilute aqueous solution at a temperature up to about 60°C, preferably a maximum of about 50°C, and still more preferably from about 35° to about 50°C. The condensation is quenched by cooling the reaction mixture below 20°C, the mixture is neutralized, the resultant condensate is isolated without further purification and is further condensed with a mercaptan-containing compound such as is described hereinabove according to Procedure C, also described hereinabove. On an equivalent weight basis, the ratio of the phenol to formaldehyde is from 1:1 to about 1:1.25 and the ratio of the phenol to alkali metal hydroxide is about 1:1 but a 5 to 10 % excess may be used. The total concentration of reactants in the aqueous hydroxymethylation of the phenol is from about 25 to about 50 % by weight. Examples of suitable phenols include bisphenol A, 4,4'-dihydroxydiphenyl sulfone (bisphenol S), *p*-nonylphenol, *p*-tert-butylphenol, 2,4-di-tert-butylphenol, *p*-methoxyphenol, *p*-propylphenol, and *p*-cresol. Typical sources of formaldehyde include aqueous solutions thereof, paraformaldehyde, neat formaldehyde, and cyclic oligomers thereof.

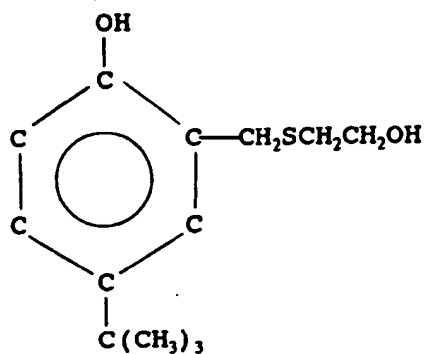
Examples 35-38 below illustrate the novel method and the activity of the latent mercaptans produced is shown in Tables 21 and 22.

EXAMPLE 35

A nitrogen atmosphere is maintained in a 500 ml 3-neck flask equipped with a condenser and a thermocouple while 20.0 grams (0.122 mole) of 4-allyl-2-methoxyphenol (also known as eugenol) and 100 ml of 5.14 weight/volume % of aqueous sodium hydroxide solution are mixed with stirring while maintaining the temperature of the reaction mixture under 35°C. When the mixture becomes homogeneous, 12.36 grams (0.153 mole) of 37 % aqueous formaldehyde solution is added over a ten minute period at 35°C and then the mixture is slowly heated to 50°C and held there for 3.5 hours, cooled, mixed with 100 ml of ethyl acetate and slowly acidified with dilute hydrochloric acid to a pH of 3 with rapid stirring while maintaining the temperature under 20°C. The organic layer is separated and then combined with a 100 ml ethyl acetate extract of the aqueous layer. The ethyl acetate solution is dried with magnesium sulfate and stripped of solvent at 45°C/15 mm Hg for one hour. Both ¹H and ¹³C NMR confirm that the amber liquid residue conforms to the desired intermediate, 4-allyl-2-hydroxymethyl-6-methoxymethyl phenol. Then, a nitrogen atmosphere is established in a 3-neck, 250 ml flask equipped with a condenser and a thermocouple and maintained while 20.0 grams (0.103 mole) of the intermediate and 8.05 grams (0.103 mole) of 2-mercaptoethanol, and 100 ml of toluene, are stirred until homogeneous. The solution is heated to 40°C, 0.06 gram of methanesulfonic acid is added, and the solution is further heated to 65-70°C for 3 hours. The solution is cooled to 25 °C, transferred to a separatory funnel and washed with a saturated sodium bicarbonate solution to neutrality, dried with magnesium sulfate, and stripped at 40°C/5 mm Hg for one hour. The residue is an amber liquid of pleasant odor with 0.1 % residual -SH content, as determined by 0.100 N iodine titration in isopropanol. Both ¹H and ¹³C NMR confirm that the residue is 4-allyl-2-methoxy-6-(2-hydroxyethyl-1S-thio)phenol as the major product and unreacted intermediate as the remainder.

EXAMPLE 36

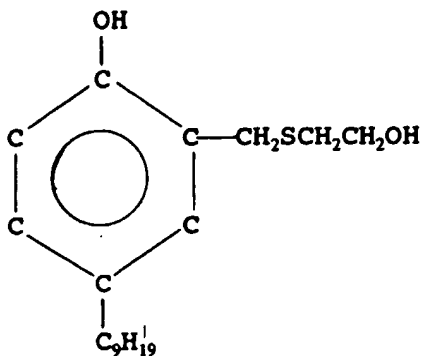
The general procedure of Example 35 was repeated except that 50 grams (0.333 mole) of *p*-tert-butyl phenol was used, along with 14 grams (0.35 mole) of 98 % sodium hydroxide and 33.73 grams (0.416 mole) of the formaldehyde solution to obtain the intermediate 2-hydroxymethyl-4-tert-butyl phenol. The desired product, 2-(2-hydroxyethyl)thiomethyl-4-tert-butyl phenol, was obtained from 17.2 grams (0.095 mole) of the intermediate and 7.4 grams of the 2-mercaptoethanol (0.095 mole) in 50 ml of toluene, along with 0.10 gram of the catalyst. Structural formula 26 for the product was confirmed by ¹H and ¹³C NMR.



Formula 26

EXAMPLE 37

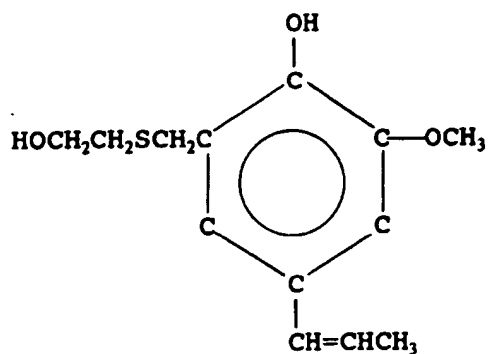
The general procedure of Example 35 was repeated except that 50 grams of *p*-nonyl phenol (0.227 mole) was used, along with 9.73 grams (0.238 mole) of 98 % sodium hydroxide and 23.0 grams (0.284 mole) of the formaldehyde solution to obtain the intermediate 2-hydroxymethyl-4-nonyl phenol. The desired product, 2-(2-hydroxyethylthiomethyl)-4-nonyl phenol, was obtained from 23.85 grams (0.095 mole) of the intermediate and 7.4 grams of the 2-mercaptoethanol (0.095 mole) in 50 ml of toluene, along with 0.10 gram of the catalyst. Structural formula 27 for the product was confirmed by ¹H and ¹³C NMR.



Formula 27

EXAMPLE 38

The general procedure of Example 35 was repeated except that 50 grams of 2-methoxy-4-allyl phenol (0.305 mole) was used, along with 13.1 grams (0.32 mole) of 98 % sodium hydroxide and 30.9 grams (0.381 mole) of the formaldehyde solution to obtain the intermediate 2-methoxy-4-allyl-6-hydroxymethyl phenol. The desired product, 2-methoxy-4-allyl-6-(2-hydroxyethylthiomethyl)phenol, was obtained from 18.53 grams (0.095 mole) of the intermediate and 7.4 grams of the 2-mercaptoethanol (0.095 mole) in 50 ml of toluene, along with 0.10 gram of the catalyst. Structural formula 28 for the product was confirmed by ¹H and ¹³C NMR.



Formula 28

EXAMPLE 39

A standard PVC pipe formulation containing:

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INGREDIENT	AMOUNT
PVC (Shintech SE 950)	100.00
Calcium carbonate	5.00 phr
Titanium dioxide	1.00 phr
Paraffin wax	1.20 phr
Calcium stearate	0.60 phr
Oxidized polyethylene	0.15 phr
Dimethyltin mercaptide (ADVASTAB® TM-599T)	0.25 phr

was processed as a Control on a dynamic two-roll mill at 187°C (30F/40R) with chips being taken at one minute intervals. The formulation of this invention made by the addition of 0.05 phr of the product of Example 38 had a mild, yet decidedly pleasant odor during processing on the two-roll mill under the same conditions. The total color change (dE) and the Whiteness Index of each are shown in Table 21.

Table 21

Example	dE at one minute intervals									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Control	4.6	6.3	7.0	7.5	8.1	9.4	10.7	12.1	14.4	16.8
41	3.9	4.6	4.8	5.1	5.7	6.7	8.5	10.8	13.7	16.5
	Whiteness Index at one minute intervals									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Control	61.2	49.8	45.6	43.0	39.1	31.9	24.9	17.1	6.8	-6.5
41	63.6	58.0	57.3	54.5	50.5	45.1	35.5	24.1	8.8	-5.2

EXAMPLE 40

The standard PVC pipe formulation of Example 39 was again used as a Control and was processed on a dynamic two-roll mill at 187°C (30F/40R) with chips being taken at one minute intervals. The a formulation of this invention made by the addition of 0.03 phr of the product of Example 36 was processed under the same conditions. The total color change (dE) and the Whiteness Index of each are shown in Table 22.

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Table 22

Example	dE at one minute intervals									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Control	4.4	6.1	6.6	7.4	7.9	8.7	10.1	11.6	13.1	15.9
40	3.6	4.4	4.3	4.8	5.3	6.5	8.0	10.6	13.3	15.5
Whiteness Index at one minute intervals										
Control	59.8	51.7	47.9	43.2	40.2	35.8	27.5	19.6	11.7	-2.1
40	62.8	60.9	59.7	58.9	53.8	46.7	38.9	25.1	10.9	-0.3

EXAMPLE 41 and Comparative Example 4

The standard PVC pipe formulation of Example 39 was again used as a Control. The formulation of this invention made by the addition of 0.05 phr of the product of Example 37. For comparison, a formulation was made by the addition of 0.05 phr of nonylphenol to the Control. Each was processed on a dynamic two-roll mill at 187°C (30F/40R) with chips being taken at one minute intervals. The total color change (dE) and the Whiteness Index of each are shown in Table 23.

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Table 23

Example	dE at one minute intervals									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Control	4.7	6.8	7.5	8.0	8.9	9.8	11.4	12.5	14.6	17.0
41	3.7	4.6	4.9	5.3	6.1	7.5	9.1	11.1	14.0	16.4
Comp Ex 4	4.7	6.6	7.2	7.5	8.1	9.1	9.9	11.5	13.7	15.9
Whiteness Index at one minute intervals										
Control	57.7	46.6	42.5	41.0	35.4	30.1	20.8	15.5	4.0	-7.6
41	63.5	60.4	56.4	55.9	50.0	41.9	33.5	23.3	7.5	-5.1
Comp Ex 4	59.4	48.0	44.8	43.2	39.2	33.8	29.8	20.9	9.2	-2.1

EXAMPLES 42-46

A standard flexible PVC formulation containing:

INGREDIENT	AMOUNT
Geon 30 PVC resin	100.00
Dioctyl phthalate	40.00
Epoxidized soybean oil	8.58
Oxidized polyethylene	0.20
Stearic acid	0.50

was processed as the control on a standard two-roll mill at 199°C with chips taken at two minute intervals. Then the same formulation except for the addition of the indicated amount of protected mercaptan and N-substituted maleimides was also processed on the same two-roll mill under the same conditions. The total color change, dE, relative to a white tile standard, was measured using a Hunter colorimeter.

EXAMPLE	INGREDIENT	AMOUNT
CONTROL	NONE	-----
42	Mixture of Formulas 4-9	2.50 phr
43	N-ethylmaleimide	2.50 phr
44	Mixture of Formulas 4-9	1.25 phr
	N-ethylmaleimide	1.25 phr
45	N-phenylmaleimide	2.50 phr
46	Mixture of Formulas 4-9	1.25 phr
	N-phenylmaleimide	1.25 phr

Table 24

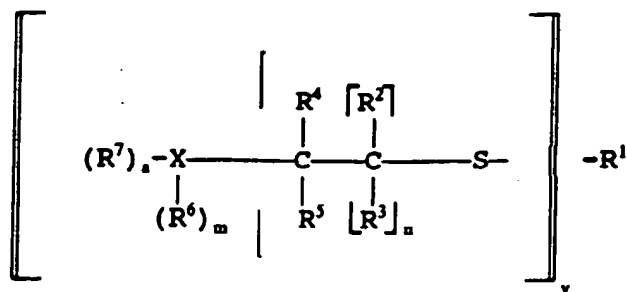
Example	dE at two minute intervals									
	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
Control	40.4	55.6	67.9	74.2	75.8	78.5	--	--	--	--
42	25.9	35.0	44.1	45.9	47.8	49.2	49.8	50.6	51.1	52.1
43	28.6	41.2	52.9	58.9	59.6	63.5	--	--	--	--
44	26.8	32.9	40.1	40.7	43.1	43.7	45.7	45.9	46.9	48.3
45	33.8	43.0	53.4	59.4	62.4	61.5	--	--	--	--
46	29.5	34.3	38.5	41.6	44.3	42.5	42.8	43.5	44.5	44.8

Articles of manufacture contemplated by this invention, e.g. pipe, film, and window profile, are formed from the stabilized compositions of this invention by any of the well-known conventional techniques for forming polymers into shaped articles.

Claims

1. A polymeric composition comprising degradation products of a blocked mercaptan present during processing of the composition at an elevated temperature, said products including a free mercaptan.

2. A polymeric composition according to claim 1 wherein said blocked mercaptan has the structure:



wherein a is 0 or 1, m and n are 0 or 1; y = 1 to 4, when y = 1, z is 1 to 4 when y is more than 1 z is 1; R¹ is an alkyl, alkylenyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylenyl, cycloalkoxyl, aryl, alkaryl, aralkyl, aralkylenyl, hydroxyalkyl, mercaptoalkyl, mercaptoalkylenyl, mercaptoalkoxycarbonylalkylenyl, hydroxyaryl, mercaptoaryl, carboxyalkyl, carboxyaryl, or acyl group having from 1 to 22 carbon atoms; R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, and R⁷ are independently hydrogen, a hydroxyl, mercapto, alkyl, alkylenyl, aryl, haloaryl, alkaryl, aralkyl, hydroxyalkyl, mercaptoalkyl, hydroxyaryl, alkoxyl, hydroxyaryl, or mercaptoaryl group having from 1 to 22 carbon atoms; X is aryl, haloaryl, alkaryl, aralkyl, alkoxyaryl, arylcycloalkyl, or a heteroatom, with the proviso that when a is 1 and m is 0, one of the R¹, R³, or R⁵ groups may join with R⁷ and X to form a heterocyclic moiety with X as a heteroatom of oxygen or sulfur, and when m is 1, R⁶ and R⁷ may form a heterocyclic moiety in conjunction with X as a nitrogen atom, with the further proviso that when x is aralkaryl, R⁶ and R⁷ are hydroxyl, a is 1 and m is 1, then z is 1 or 2, and with the still further proviso that when R⁶ ≠ hydroxyl or mercapto, z is 1.

3. A composition according to claim 2 wherein R¹ is cycloalkoxyloxyalkyl.

4. A composition according to claim 2 wherein R¹ is mercaptoalkyl or mercaptoalkoxycarbonylalkyl.

5. A composition according to claim 2 wherein R¹ is hydroxyalkyl.

6. A composition according to claim 5 wherein R¹ is hydroxyethyl.

7. A composition according to claim 5 or claim 6 wherein X is nitrogen, m is 1, R⁶ is acyl, R¹ is alkyl and n is O.

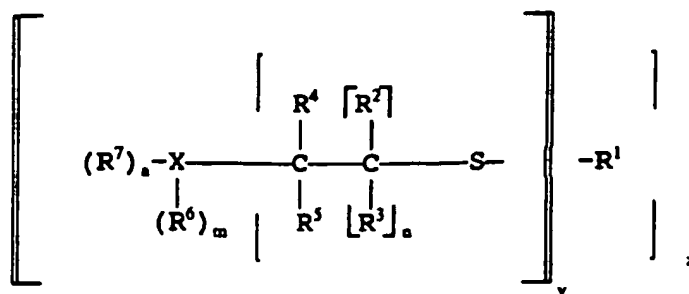
8. A composition according to any one of claims 2 to 6 wherein X is nitrogen, m is 1, R⁶ and R⁷ form a heterocyclic moiety in conjunction with X, and n is O.

9. A composition according to any one of claims 2 to 6 wherein X is oxygen, m is O, R⁶ and R⁷ form a heterocyclic moiety in conjunction with X, and n is O.

10. A composition according to any one of claims 2 to 6 wherein X is oxygen, m is O, R⁶ and R⁷ form a heterocyclic moiety in conjunction with X, and n is 1.

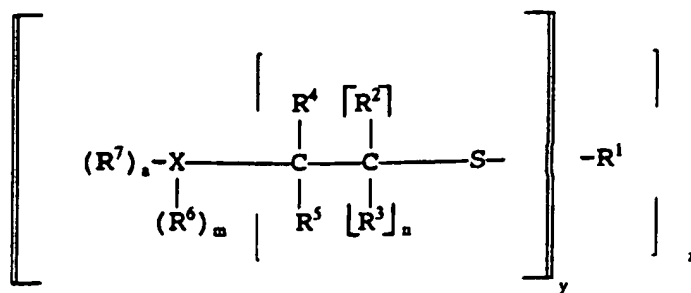
11. A composition according to any one of claims 2 to 6 wherein X is oxygen, R⁷ is phenyl, m is 0, and n is 1.

12. A composition according to any one of claims 2 to 6 wherein X is oxygen, m is 0, n is 1, R⁵ is aryloxyalkyl, and R⁷ is hydrogen.
13. A composition according to any one of claims 2 to 6 wherein X is oxygen, m is 0, n is 1, R⁶ is alkoxyalkyl, and R⁷ is hydrogen.
14. A composition according to any one of claims 2 to 6 wherein X is oxygen, m is 0, R⁷ and R¹ are methylene groups which join together to form a heterocyclic moiety with X and the sulfur atom, and n is 0.
15. A composition according to any one of claims 2 to 6 wherein X is phenyl, m and n are 0.
16. A composition according to claim 15 wherein R⁷ is hydroxyl.
17. A composition according to any one of claims 2 to 6 wherein X is phenyl, R⁷ is hydroxyl, m is 0 and n is 1.
18. A composition according to any one of claims 2 to 6 wherein X is phenoxy, m is 0, and n is 1.
19. A composition according to any one of claims 2 to 6 wherein X is benzyl, R⁷ is hydroxyl, and m and n are 0.
20. A composition according to any one of claims 2 to 6 wherein X is alkoxyphenyl, R⁷ is hydroxyl and m is 0.
21. A composition according to any one of claims 2 to 20 wherein R³ is alkyl.
22. A composition according to any preceding claim wherein the polymer is a halogen-containing polymer.
23. A composition according to claim 22 wherein the halogen-containing polymer is a vinyl chloride polymer.
24. A composition according to any preceding claim characterized further by the presence of a metallic-based heat stabilizer.
25. A composition according to claim 24 wherein at least one of the metallic-based heat stabilisers is selected from antimony-, barium-, boron, and calcium-, tin-, and zinc-based stabilizers.
26. A composition according to claim 24 or claim 25 wherein the metallic-based heat stabilizer is an organometal compound.
27. A composition according to claim 26 wherein the metallic-based heat stabilizer is an organotin compound.
28. A composition according to claim 27 wherein the organotin compound is an organotin mercaptide.
29. A composition according to claim 28 wherein the mercaptide moiety is an alkyl thioglycolate.
30. A composition according to claim 28 wherein the mercaptide moiety is a mercaptoalkyl carboxylate.
31. A composition according to claim 26 or claim 27 wherein the metallic-based heat stabilizer is an organometal mercaptoester sulfide.
32. A composition according to claim 31 wherein the mercaptide moiety of the organometal mercaptoester sulfide is an alkyl thioglycolate.
33. A composition according to claim 31 wherein the mercaptide moiety of the organometal mercaptoester sulfide is a mercaptoalkyl carboxylate.
34. A polymeric composition according to claim 1 wherein said blocked mercaptan has the structure:



wherein a is 0 or 1, m and n are 0 or 1; y = 1 to 4, when y = 1, z is 1 to 4 when y is more than 1 z is 1; R¹ is an alkyl, alkylenyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylenyl, cycloalkoxyl, aryl, alkaryl, aralkyl, aralkylenyl, hydroxyalkyl, mercaptoalkyl, mercaptoalkylenyl, mercaptoalkoxycarbonylalkylenyl, hydroxyaryl, mercaptoaryl, carboxyalkyl, carboxyaryl, or acyl group having from 1 to 22 carbon atoms; R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, and R⁷ are independently hydrogen, a hydroxyl, mercapto, alkyl, alkylenyl, aryl, haloaryl, alkaryl, aralkyl, hydroxyalkyl, mercaptoalkyl, hydroxyaryl, alkoxyl, hydroxyaryl, or mercaptoaryl group having from 1 to 22 carbon atoms; X is arylcycloalkyl or a heteroatom when a = 1 and x is aryl, haloaryl, alkaryl, alkoxyaryl, arylcycloalkyl, or a heteroatom when a = 0, with the proviso that when a is 1 and m is 0, one of the R¹, R³, or R⁵ groups may join with R⁷ and X to form a heterocyclic moiety with X as a heteroatom selected from the group consisting of oxygen, and sulfur, and when m is 1, R⁶ and R⁷ may form a heterocyclic moiety in conjunction with X as a nitrogen atom.

35. A blocked mercaptan having the structure:

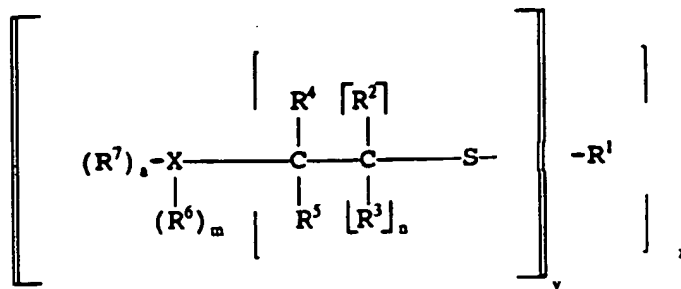


wherein a is 0 or 1, m and n are 0 or 1; y = 1 to 4, when y = 1, z is 1 to 4 when y is more than 1 z is 1; R¹ is an alkyl, alkylenyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylenyl, cycloalkoxyl, aryl, alkaryl, aralkyl, aralkylenyl, hydroxyalkyl, mercaptoalkyl, mercaptoalkylenyl, mercaptoalkoxycarbonylalkylenyl, hydroxyaryl, mercaptoaryl, carboxyalkyl, carboxyaryl, or acyl group having from 1 to 22 carbon atoms; R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, and R⁷ are independently hydrogen, a hydroxyl, mercapto, alkyl, alkylenyl, aryl, haloaryl, alkaryl, aralkyl, hydroxyalkyl, mercaptoalkyl, hydroxyaryl, alkoxyl, hydroxyaryl, or mercaptoaryl group having from 1 to 22 carbon atoms; X is arylcycloalkyl or a heteroatom when a = 1 and x is aryl, haloaryl, alkaryl, alkoxyaryl, arylcycloalkyl, or a heteroatom when a = 0, with the proviso that when a is 1 and m is 0, one of the R¹ or R⁵ groups may join with R⁷ and X to form a heterocyclic moiety with X as a heteroatom selected from the group consisting of oxygen, and sulfur, and when m is 1, R⁶ and R⁷ may form a heterocyclic moiety in conjunction with X as a nitrogen atom.

36. A composition for stabilizing PVC consisting essentially of a metallic-based stabilizer for PVC and a latent mercaptan having the formula

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wherein a is 0 or 1, m and n are 0 or 1; y = 1 to 4, when y = 1, z is 1 to 4 when y is more than 1 z is 1; R¹ is an alkyl, alkylenyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylenyl, cycloalkoxyl, aryl, alkaryl, aralkyl, aralkylenyl, hydroxyalkyl, mercaptoalkyl, mercaptoalkylenyl, mercaptoalkoxycarbonylalkylenyl, hydroxyaryl, mercaptoaryl, carboxyalkyl, carboxyaryl, or acyl group having from 1 to 22 carbon atoms; R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, and R⁷ are independently hydrogen, a hydroxyl, mercapto, alkyl, alkylenyl, aryl, haloaryl, alkaryl, aralkyl, hydroxyalkyl, mercaptoalkyl, hydroxyaryl, alkoxyl, hydroxyaryl, or mercaptoaryl group having from 1 to 22 carbon atoms; X is aryl, haloaryl, alkaryl, aralkyl, alkoxyaryl, arylcycloalkyl, or a heteroatom, with the proviso that when a is 1 and m is 0, one of the R¹, R³, or R⁵ groups may join with R⁷ and X to form a heterocyclic moiety with X as a heteroatom selected from the group consisting of oxygen, and sulfur, and when m is 1, R⁶ and R⁷ may form a heterocyclic moiety in conjunction with X as a nitrogen atom, with the further proviso that when x is aralkyl, R⁶ and R⁷ are hydroxyl, a is 1 and m is 1, then z is 1 or 2, and with the still further proviso that when R⁶ ≠ hydroxyl or mercapto, z is 1.

37. A composition capable of stabilizing a halogen-containing polymer against deterioration caused by heat, said composition comprising one heat stabilizer, said heat stabilizer being the blocked mercaptan of claim 35.

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38. A method for the preparation of a heat stabilizer for halogen-containing polymers, said method comprising condensing a para-substituted phenol with formaldehyde in the presence of an alkali metal hydroxide in aqueous solution at a temperature of up to about 60°C, wherein the ratio of the phenol to formaldehyde is from 1:1 to about 1:1.05 on an equivalent weight basis, and the molar ratio of the phenol to alkali metal hydroxide is about 1:1, quenching the condensation by cooling the reaction mixture below 20°C, neutralizing the mixture, isolating the resultant condensate, and further condensing the resultant condensate without further purification with a mercaptan-containing compound selected from the group consisting of alkyl mercaptans, mercapto esters, mercapto alcohols, and mercapto acids at from about 40° to about 120°C in the presence of an acid catalyst.

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39. The method of claim 38 wherein the maximum temperature during the phenol/formaldehyde condensation is about 50°C.

40. A method according to claim 38 wherein the temperature during the phenol/formaldehyde condensation is from 35° to 50° C.

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41. A method according to claims 38 to 40 wherein the total concentration of phenolic and formaldehyde reactants is from 25 to 50% by weight.

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